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• **D**ax Landeen, senior, shares a bite of his blueberry muffin with senior Lynzee Mallett at the senior breakfast on February 8. photo by Kris Tedesco

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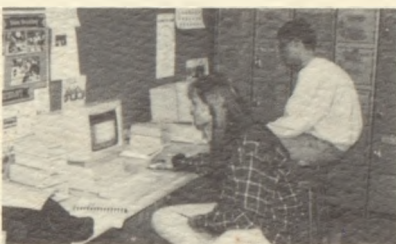
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• **R**eading for Christmas, seniors Michelle Shattuck, Regina Bess, Elaine Jarnagin and Mrs. Julie Walk wrap gifts for kids. photo by Jen Jones

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• **A**pplying her computer skills, junior Renee Ebke spends her time drafting a house plan during her Intro to Technology class. photo by Cody Koch

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• **G**etting poised and ready, junior Jordan Boley prepares to attack the ball, looking to score against Urbandale. photo by Emily Gelormino

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• **O**btaining a gulp of water, junior Bethany Ashby stops to quench her thirst during the passing period. photo by Danny Bright

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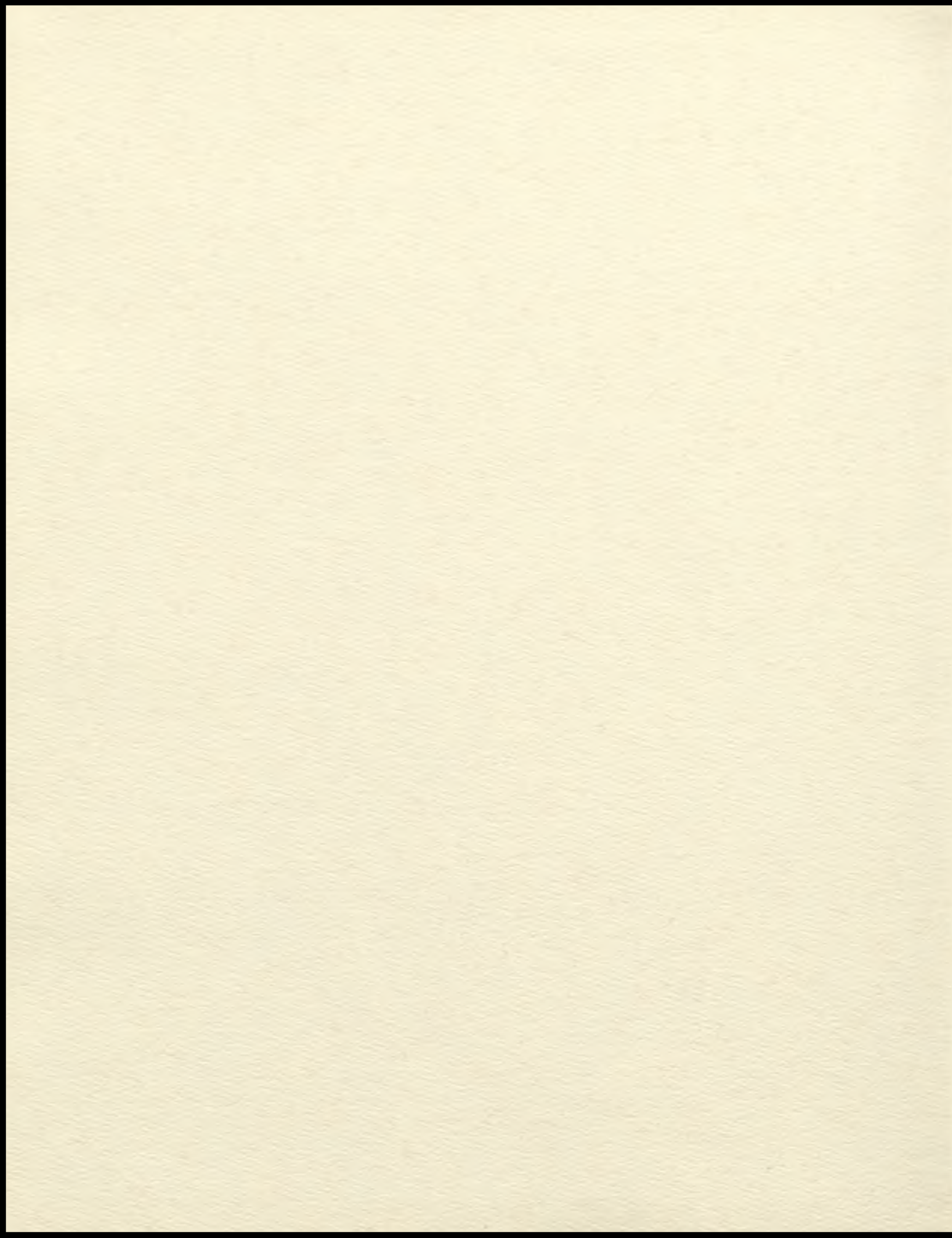
• **N**imbly walking to the beat, marching band sophomores Liz Ancell, Melissa Roberts and Christine Notis try to stay in tune. photo by Barb Johns

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• **S**earching for a good fit, sophomore José Tovar selects a tee-shirt from one of many racks at Soccer Connections. photo by Jared Grant



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Dressed as the school mascot, JD the Dragon, junior Steve Rodriguez helps lead a cheer during a time out. JD appeared throughout the year at various sports events to heighten school spirit. photo by Jennifer Jones

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Sophomore Ryan Rüsch sprints around the Boone defensive line. Rüsch played receiver and safety for the sophomore team. photo by Danny Bright



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At the homecoming dance, seniors Julie Cottrell and Aaron Vis take a break to sample the refreshments in the student center. photo by Barb Johns



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Freshman Ryan McGowan places a five pound weight on the squatting bar. Many students utilized the weight room to gain muscular strength. photo by Crystal Smith



nce upon a time, 783 scholars lived in the merry land of Johnston. Construction of the new castle began before the new year. With their new

king Dr. Casey presiding, the laws were strictly enforced.

The knights learned acts of strength and chivalry to

protect their castle's honor on both old and newly com-

pleted sports facilities. Musicians rehearsed for upcoming

concerts held at alternative sites due to the incompleti-

on of the auditorium. As the scholars' knowledge grew, many

joined clubs with villagers having similar interests. As the

year progressed, Johnston's castle became the sight of

many adventures as retold by these **Dragon Tales...**



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Singing grace before the meal is a tradition at the Madrigal Dinner, as it was in medieval times. Royal court members and seniors Marisa Baumgarn, Shannon Hildreth and Sarah Rains reenact a prayer for the "peasants" and the audience. The performance, almost cancelled due to bad weather, was the fifteenth annual Madrigal Dinner, and all 250 of the tickets were sold. photo by Tara Guttridge



Student Life



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Peering through the Johnston Hy-Vee dairy case, senior Chris Palmer replenishes the supply of sour cream. photo by Steve Ring



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Filling in stenciled horses, sophomore Mandy McConnelee adds her personal touch to the horse stall decorations for the Iowa State Fair. photo by Wendy Stevens



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Senior Molly Holub finishes painting a sign for the senior homecoming float. The float was constructed in senior Bryan Greiner's barn and earned third place. photo by Barb Johns



side from the daily business at the castle, many scholars found time in their harried schedules for various other activities. The lads and lasses

of the kingdom searched for beautifully tailored dresses and suits to wear to the major royal balls of the year. Some traveled to the bountiful land of Boone to exchange warm fuzzies, learn leadership skills, and share positive attitudes over a hearty fire. After squeezing in a short vacation between work and school, the townspeople prepared to honor the most distinguished scholars at the commencement ceremonies where medals of bravery and honor were awarded in recognition of the year's endeavors...



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Surrounded by mounds of bags, senior Bob Johnson helps load students' belongings onto the bus headed for Boone. Johnson was one of the 297 students who attended the annual leadership retreat. Held at the Boone YMCA Camp November third through the fifth, the retreat taught leadership skills and teamwork through various activities. photo by Danielle Carroll

I spent most of my summer sleeping in until noon. I'd roll out of bed to watch reruns of 'The Facts of Life.' I'd get dressed around 1:00 or 2:00 p.m., and then I'd lay out the rest of the afternoon.

Courtney Johnson, junior

As the waitress pours the strawberry shake, junior Danielle Carroll holds the cup into which it seeps. Stella's Blue Sky Diner, in downtown Des Moines, entertained Carroll and her friends many summer afternoons. The excursion was commonly followed by playing in the wading pool at Nollen Plaza. Downtown Des Moines hosted many other hot spots for entertainment such as Java Joe's, a coffee shop, and a teen nightclub called Papa Smithson's. photo by Tara Guttridge



Trying to walk downstream without getting wet, junior Kristin Warren helps junior Katie Jacobsen onto the next rock. They used their free time from their youth group mission trip to find winding paths through the Black Hills in South Dakota. photo by Jared Gilbert



Sophomore Angela DeHamer bags the shoot of a corn plant. DeHamer worked as a summer pollinator for Pioneer Hybrid. photo by Tara Guttridge

ADVENTURES

In camps or on couches, students relish the summer



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Junior Dani Williams and Roosevelt friend Sara Pfaff grabbed two oars and hopped into a canoe. They had high expectations for their day and planned an adventurous trip across Bone Lake in Wisconsin. They began to row-row-row their vessel through the waves. "We wanted to cross the lake," said Williams. "We never realized how windy it was until on the way back when we got stuck in the middle of the lake; our boat wouldn't move. Some other boats out on the lake had to help us back to shore."

Many students' summers were filled with different kinds of adventures ranging from traveling to far-off lands to attending summer camps to relaxing on the family room's cushioned furniture.

Senior Beth Ann Nelson's adventure began before she had even arrived at her camp. "I thought I would never get to Tennessee for our church mission trip," said Nelson. "We had 13 people crowded in a van for two days. We saw some pretty out-of-the way places in Missouri because our driver didn't realize when he got off the right road."

While some people spent time helping, other students were preparing for the school year. All-State Camp was attended by many who were preparing to try out for the All-State Chorus. "We sang a lot, but the best part was the dance at night," said sophomore Angie Hefner. "We had fun partying and singing to 'YMCA.'"

Whether time was spent floating across a lake, helping the world or just basking in the rays, summer provided the time and the place for these activities. As August came to a close, students began preparing for the next mission- returning to school. **Spread by Tara Guttridge and Missy Roberts**



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S enior Danny Bright naps by the campfire during a yearbook camping trip. Bright, along with other staff members, spent the night fearing the boogeyman and watching the stars. photo by Steve Ring

GOING BANANAS

The effects of monkeying around hit home

"At first I was really confused because I didn't realize it was Clash Day, and my friend Ryan Crabb looked really goofy," said sophomore Carl Venter on the Monday of homecoming week. It was the perfect intro to the crazy week.

Club Olympics were held on Thursday. Senior Sarah Cattoor said, "Club Olympics were a mess because everyone cheated. We thought of ways to cheat afterward, like Alex Jeffries' team brought a hard-boiled egg for the egg toss, and some teams brought jawbreakers (for the flour cake competition)." They got so out of hand that the administration considered terminating them.

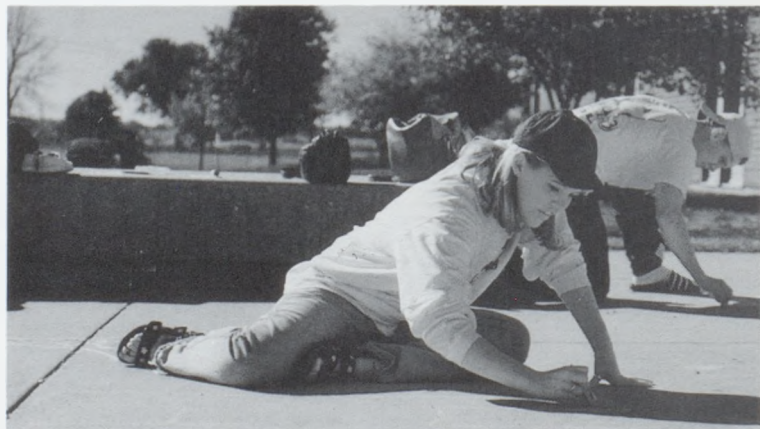
At Friday's pep assembly, the annual prank was played on football captain Jay Christianson. He was blindfolded and told to eat as many bananas as possible, in mockery of his traditional pre-game snack, while the other players were given carameled apples and had their blindfolds removed. Christianson, a senior, said, "I didn't know what was going on. I was stuffing bananas and I thought, 'This is too easy- they haven't pulled anything on me yet.' I was expecting the last one to be a cucumber or something. Then I lifted my blindfold and T.J. Sciorrotta goes, 'You're stupid.' It was a good joke."

Friday morning was greeted with a messy lawn. The senior class had fought for their right to teepee because of vandalism the year before; they were required to ask permission and to be supervised. Senior Tony Gentile said, "It's kind of pitiful- we're old enough to be responsible for ourselves without being watched. It kind of takes the thrill out of it when your mom tells you to go teepee."

More rules and restrictions on future Homecomings were the effects resulting from the crazy atmosphere. The student body realized that the authorities refused to put up with anymore monkey business. **Spread by Kris Tedesco and Jared Grant**

8 Homecoming

Equipped with a can of shaving cream, junior Amanda Fisher attacks junior Emily Skow during Club Olympics' musical chairs. Seniors Emily Gelormino and Casey Richwine and junior Todd Pembroke listen intently for the music to start up again. photo by Danielle Carroll



Doing her part in the sidewalk chalking competition, senior Sarah Cattoor chawks in the words "Purple Haze." The students covered the entire sidewalk in front of the school to show their school spirit. photo by Heidi Johns

The best part of teepeeing was when Sarah Schoper spelled out, 'I need a date' with toilet paper on the front lawn.

Angie Rittgers, senior



Caught in a web of toilet paper, seniors Kim Crouch and Brenda Tomenga wind up for their next toss during the supervised teepee session on Thursday night. The activity was limited to seniors, and any imposters received the threat of being duct-taped to a pole. "I liked the idea of having one event that's just seniors because it signifies unity," said senior Jill Norviel. "It's a good idea to exclude the younger ones 'cause the freshmen come in with their big bad attitudes and expect to be able to run with the big kids. It was justice done to see it shoved right back in their faces." photo by Danny Bright



Sophomore Kelli Wong helps freshman Brad Sewell get a grip on his caramelized apple during a skit with the football players in Friday's pep assembly. photo by Kris Tedesco



Seizing an orange with his teeth, freshman John Anderson bends the rules during the "snot-ball relay" at Club Olympics. Teeth, caps and foreheads were some of the objects used instead of a nose in this competition. The band team received first place overall, being the only team to play by the rules the entire night. photo by Danielle Carroll

I love being the dragon. It gives me great joy and pleasure to bring such a smile to all the little kids' faces, and I love it when they run up to me and say, "Give me candy! Give it to me now!"

Tim Halling, junior

Reaching for a pencil, juniors Derek Haag and Heather Arndt prepare to fill out an order form for their homecoming photos. Many couples and groups of friends parted with their hard-earned cash to acquire keepsakes of the homecoming dance for their scrapbooks. The dance, held in the high school gym, started at 8 p.m. on October 15, and cost five dollars for singles and ten dollars for couples. photo by Barb Johns



Freshman Brooke Burbank carries her cymbals as she and her fellow band members stride down Merle Hay Road to a drum cadence. The parade route wound through Green Meadows instead of taking its customary trail past Lawson Elementary. photo by Barb Johns



After the broadcast, juniors Robin Sanders and Corey Dickey thank TV-8 weatherman Mike Lozano for taping the presentation of the canned ham to Dickey. Dickey won for his addition to the list of "The Top Ten Reasons Why I Don't Have a Date to Homecoming." photo by Crystal Smith

IT'S THE SHOES

Students plan diverse activities for night of dance

Bunching together clusters of salvia, senior Megan Franck helps put the finishing touches on the senior float. The juniors were awarded first place in the float competition for their giant, yellow rendition of the mascot, the dragon. photo by Barb Johns

Junior Robin Sanders scurried off to find junior Corey Dickey, leaving behind TV-8 weatherman Mike Lozano and his camera crew just minutes before the live broadcast. Sanders returned with Dickey just in time for a few quick instructions before the broadcast.

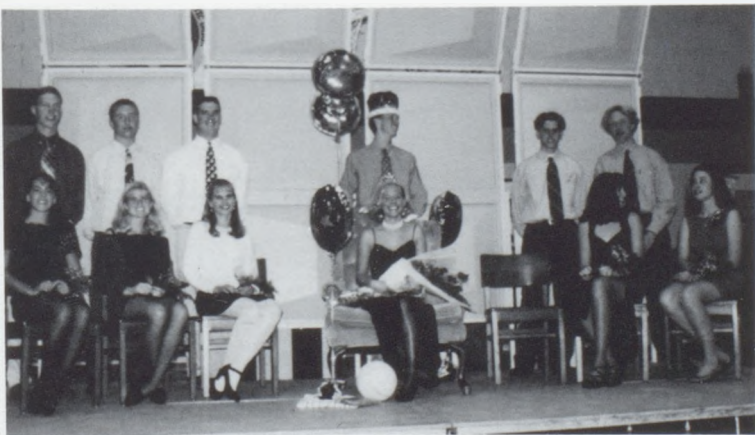
"It's the shoes, it's got to be the shoes," Dickey said on the air as the juniors went wild on the float behind him. He was repeating his winning addition to the list of "The Top Ten Reasons Why I Don't Have a Date to Homecoming."

Whether or not they had found a date for the dance just about everyone was prepared for the homecoming game against Jefferson-Scranton. Johnston alumni returned to cheer their team on and find old acquaintances. Since the bleachers were stuffed with fans, the band members were forced to tough it out on the track instead of sitting on their customary set of bleachers. Junior Jennifer Porto said, "It was fun for awhile because we had a clear view of the game, but after awhile we couldn't stand up because the people behind us kept complaining."

The crowded conditions at the game were quickly forgotten the next day as students without dates finalized their plans for that night. Some assembled with friends to attend the dance. Others found alternative things to do. Senior Courtney Lester said, "I went out with Sarah Schoper to a movie instead of going to the dance."

The days of homecoming week flew by. Their passing left students with an abundance of new

memories of the last camera man packing up his equipment, the band lounging on the track and the last homecoming date ending. **Spread by Crystal Smith and Barb Johns**



HOMECOMING COURT. Shauna Sleep, Kelly Angstrom, Megan Bengard, Heather Zortman, Cami Hansen, Amy Myer. **ROW 2.** Brad Sewell, Keith Hoppe, Buck Olsen, Matt Sundblad, Alex Jeffries, John Davis

IT'S PAYDAY

Bringing home the bacon meant sacrificing free time

"Money's what makes the world go 'round" as the saying went and students were well aware of it. Many students were in need of money for cars, college and food but most of all they just wanted a little extra cash to throw around.

Many students were fortunate enough to inherit the family grocery-getter but some were faced with the decision to purchase a car, ask for rides or take the bus to school. "There was no way I was going to take the yellow limousine to school everyday," said sophomore Monty Rutledge. "I needed a job to buy my truck and pay for insurance and gas."

Some students were looking further down the road. They realized the expense of a higher education and focused on saving for college. "I enjoy learning and want to continue to learn and pursue a better education through college. Thus I need money," said senior Rich Krejci.

Other students didn't have much of a choice in getting a part-time job. Their parents recognized the valuable experience one gains from a part-time job. "My mother made me get a job because she said that I needed to learn some responsibility," said junior Jane Zirkelbach.

Along with the advantages of having a part-time job and the money earned from it came a few disadvantages. It was not uncommon for students to sacrifice school activities for work. "I missed a lot of football and basketball games because I would forget to ask off of work," said senior Stephanie Sowers.

Long nights of flipping burgers, stocking shelves and dealing with unhappy customers were part of many students lives. Regardless, they gave up a substantial amount of time to earn their \$4.65 an hour. **Spread by Steve Ring**

After the audience from *Low Down Dirty Shame* cleared out of the theatre two, senior Doug Hammond breaks out the broom and sweeps up after them. Hammond was employed at Forum IV Theatres. photo by Steve Ring



Working at Best Buy, sophomore Jeff Cottrell figures out the specifications on a JVC video cassette recorder. photo by Steve Ring



*I saved half of the money that I earned for college
and the other half was for partying.*

Marisa Hansen, junior



- Junior Michelle Smith places an orangutan, along with other stuffed animals, on display. "Our most popular selling stuffed animal is Barney," said Smith. Smith worked at Sears in the children's department located in Merle Hay Mall.
- photo by Steve Ring



- While stocking at Dahl's Foods, senior Ken Elrod loads two cases of Seagram's wine coolers onto his cart.
- photo by Steve Ring



- Attempting to improve the appearance of an aisle, junior Tammy Proehl pulls forward a box of Tide at the Johnston Hy-Vee. Proehl's primary job was working as cashier.
- photo by Steve Ring

BASIC TRAINING

Skills in leadership yield an edge on life

The applications were due months before and the enlisters were notified of their selection. They packed their necessary gear into the limited two pieces of luggage. The school was the check-in station and all were to be present at 0800 hours. There, they received their boarding pass and a few instructions. They dumped their luggage at the loading dock and filed into the buses. They journeyed, not to army boot camp, but to the Leadership Retreat at the YMCA Camp in Boone.

The 297 first timers, second timers, SAIL leaders and adults divided into troops of ten. Much time was designated for small group discussions. First timers focused on the qualities of a leader while second timers concentrated more on current issues, such as discrimination. For some, small groups were simply a chance to get to know others. Sophomore Kristin Sorrells said, "It was a big help because I got to meet new people and I got to learn more about people I didn't know, stuff I didn't even know about my own friends."

As the small groups discovered new friends, group members exchanged the traditional warm fuzzies with kind words and positive comments. "Warm fuzzies were cool. It was fun to hear what people like about you," said freshman Ryan McGowan.

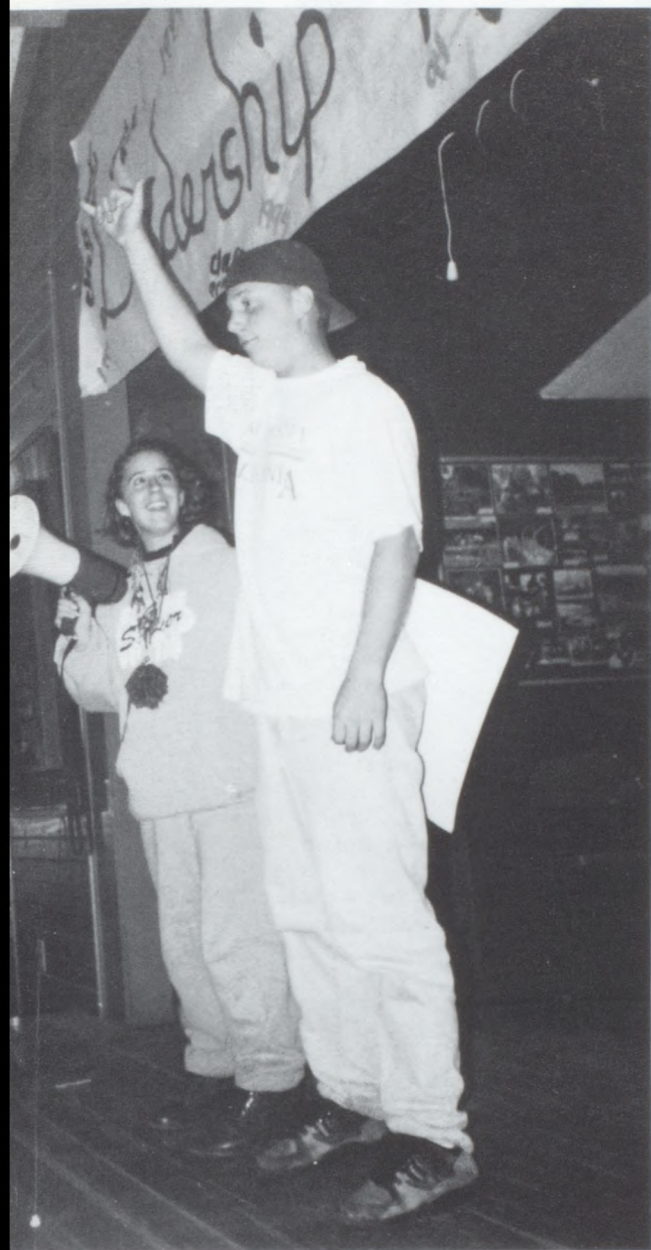
Another continued tradition was the candle-light ceremony. "The sharing time helped my friend Dan Sundblad and I feel closer again. We hadn't talked in a while and going up front helped us out," said sophomore Brian Sheeks. As the sharing ended, hugs were exchanged and weary campers returned to their barracks.

The initial goal of the camp was reviewed the following morning. Everyone was encouraged to retain at least one thing that they had learned. The campers were then dismissed. They filed back into the buses complete with an edge on life. **Spread by Danny Bright and Danielle Carroll**

Exerting their leadership skills, seniors Emily Gelormino and Tom Caswell quiet the other campers. Gelormino and Caswell were chosen as student directors to facilitate all activities. photo by Danny Bright



Waiting for the bus, freshman Theresa Timmins browses through her bag-of-good-feelings. As a last activity, campers wrote notes to members of their small group. photo by Danielle Carroll



I can't believe (Adam) Davis walked outside to get his clothes with only a towel around him. Everyone was snapping pictures, then his towel fell. He didn't look embarrassed, just dazed.

Jason Reber, sophomore



● **F**reshman Angela Schaad falls from a platform into the arms of her small group, freshmen Heidi Kiestler, Brad Sewell, Jason Brehmer, junior John Nichols, freshman Tammy Walz and sophomore Sarah Rippey. The trust fall was one of the many activities designed to build trust and a closeness between the members of small groups. Included in the activities were the trust dive and earthquake. All of the activities emphasized a dependence on a group effort to catch or spot another member. photo by Danielle Carroll



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During closing ceremonies, adult leader Rick Brooks and senior SAIL member Jennifer Gray take down the Leadership Retreat flag. photo by Danielle Carroll



● **S**earching for their last item on the scavenger hunt list, junior Marisa Hansen, senior Michelle Wiig and junior Chrissie Huisman retrieve a bit of tree moss. The list included various items such as toothpaste on a stick and fifty acorns. photo by Danny Bright

I'm jealous of the freshmen because they'll get to use the facilities longer than the seniors. I feel we are lucky to have the new building and I hope people realize that and take care of it.

Marisa Baumgarn, senior

Construction worker Jim Carrick puts the finishing touches on a digital clock in the new addition. Throughout the year students became familiarized with construction workers walking through the halls and around the school grounds. photo by Mark Stookey




Pushing a cart down the hall, senior Beth Ann Nelson helps move supplies to a new lab room. Nelson was one of the many involved in helping move teachers' belongings to the new addition of the school. photo by Mark Stookey



Junior Ryan West parks illegally on the east side of the school. Due to the layout of the new lot, many students parked illegally to avoid walking long distances to the school. photo by Mark Stookey

TRANSFORMATION

Students became accustomed to a new look and life



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Over the summer, the high school began a transformation. Before long, parking lots were torn up and other obvious signs of change began to take place. In the plans for the upcoming school year were a new gymnasium, classrooms, lab facilities, locker rooms, bathrooms and several other improvements and additions.

With all of this to complete and the wet weather, construction fell behind. When it came down to it though, many students and staff were pleased to see the addition taking place. "With the way our community and school are growing, every department needs space," said physical education teacher Larry Strickler.

With the new gym added to the school, basketball players were able to utilize the space to provide a more useful practice session. "Since the junior varsity and varsity girls practice at the same time, having two full courts in the new gym allowed us to spread out and have more people practicing rather than standing around waiting for it to be their turn to practice," said senior Megan Little, a varsity power forward.

Besides the new gym affecting students and staff, all but two teachers were uprooted and moved to new rooms. However, the first move wasn't necessarily the last. Math teacher Steve Smith made about six moves before he settled down in his permanent room. Along with switching classrooms constantly, classes were also interrupted by power outages, vibrations and incidental fire drills. "One day when we were taking a test there was a fire drill. By the time we got back inside there wasn't enough time to finish our tests," said junior Marc Leigh.

Though students and staff had to make sacrifices, the benefits that came from the new facilities outweighed the drawbacks. Throughout the year many students became accustomed to these inconveniences and accepted them as part of every-day life.

Spread by Mark Stookey



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Project superintendent Bill Mayer adjusts the molding on a trophy case. This entryway was finished for the second basketball game on December 16th. photo by Mark Stookey

"The weather was beautiful while we were there (Winter Park, CO). Lots of people were skiing in shorts. I even tried to ski in shorts one day. It was my goal."

Mark Oiler, sophomore

During his trip to "The Windy City" of Chicago, Illinois, junior Steve Ring stands in front of Michael Jordan's Restaurant which announces the return of the basketball legend to the Chicago Bulls. Ring spent his week at junior Tim Halling's grandparents in Aurora, Illinois. Ring watched Jordan's first game back on a Sony TV set while eating bite-size Tostitos with Grandma Bachert's special salsa and cheese sause. photo by Tim Halling




Junior Kevin Whitehill soars through the air after hitting a jump on the Edelweiss run. Whitehill accompanied middle school teacher Mr. Brian Donahue on his annual ski trip to Winter Park, Colorado. During one of his jumps, Whitehill separated his shoulder. photo by Drew McConnell



Stepping into the stream, sophomore Missy Roberts follows the trail of the new artwork, "The Stampede." Roberts spent some quality time with her family in Dallas, Texas, over spring break. photo by Bob Phillips

FADING FREEDOM

Given a short escape, students get a taste of summer



• **B**rowsing through the bracelets the little Mexican girl offers her, senior Kari Tank gives into the child's art of persuasion and purchases one. Tank spent her week off in Cancún, Mexico. photo by Jennifer Jones

Students were allotted ten days, 13 hours and five minutes of freedom from tests and homework for spring break. So with all this time on their hands where did they go? They ventured to white powdery beaches, snowy mountain tops and sanitary hospital rooms.

"I didn't do much for spring break except go to the hospital," said freshman Nicole Baird. "The first Friday I fainted while riding my bike and cracked my head open." Baird fainted due to a heart condition she suffered from and spent the remainder of her break resting.

Some students opted for a little warmer spot to rest, so they journeyed to the sunny beaches of Florida, Mexico and the Carribean to catch some sun for a tan. Senior Paula Biondi visited the islands of Cozumel, Grand Cayman and Jamaica during her seven day cruise. "Grand Cayman was my favorite port," said Biondi. "The island was really beautiful. While I was there I got to hold a baby sea turtle and go to Hell (a city in Grand Cayman)."

Going down a vertical slope to hit a jump and hoping for a safe landing was the rush some more daring students went searching for in the mountains of Colorado. Juniors Matt Lundberg and Josh Van Heukelom resided in a condo in Breckenridge while they spent their days on the slopes. Lundberg said, "It was fun because a lot of my friends were there at the same time, so we got to ski together."

Whether they spent their time with friends or family, the clock kept ticking and Monday morning they woke up to find their original ten days had dwindled down to about an hour. So when the time finally ran out where did the students go? They went back to their school desks. **Spread by Barb Johns**

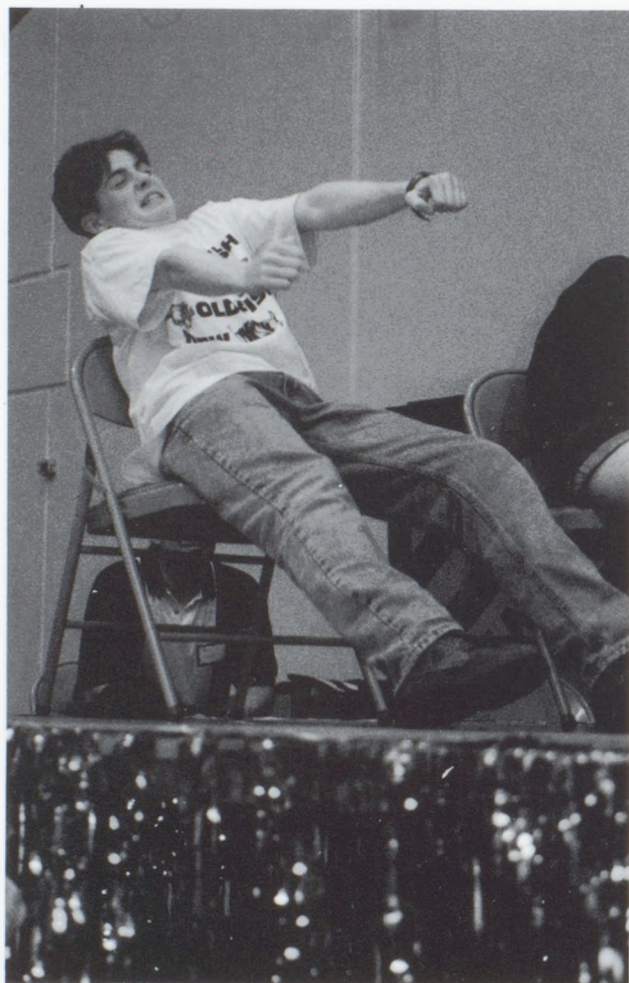


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Working on their tans, seniors Danielle Willey and Teresa White relax by the pool of their hotel, the Costa Real. Willey and White traveled to Cancún, Mexico, with a group of friends. photo by Bree Chambers

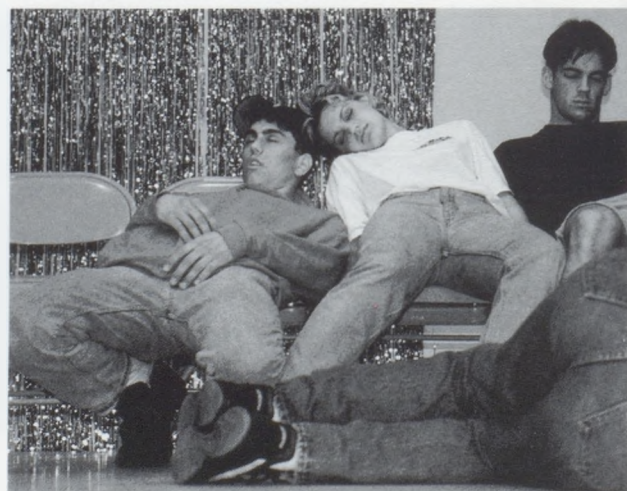
Prom was great because Angie Rittgers' mom made dinner for a bunch of us so I didn't have to pay for it. We even had waiters and cloth napkins.

Ben Hicks, senior

After hurrying the children off, sophomore Jim Wynn accelerates in his turbo-charged bus. Along with the bus ride, hypnotized students surfed in Hawaii, had ice in their pants and made faces at the hypnotist. photo by Danielle Carroll



Junior Brad Sturtz and sophomore Sara Tapken are put into place by a Herff Jones photographer. "I hated taking pictures because it was at the end of the night and we were all sweaty," said Tapken. photo by Meghan Mandsager



Juniors Aaron Corcoran, Jane Zirkelbach and senior Jay Christianson become dishrags under the guidance of hypnotist John-Ivan Palmer. photo by Danielle Carroll

CAFFEINE HIGH

"In Paris" and under hypnosis, students enjoy late curfew

• Reaching to touch the royal prom crown worn by senior Jennifer Gray, junior Brian Nichols congratulates her after she was announced queen. Senior Rich Krejci was also named king. photo by Meghan Mandesager

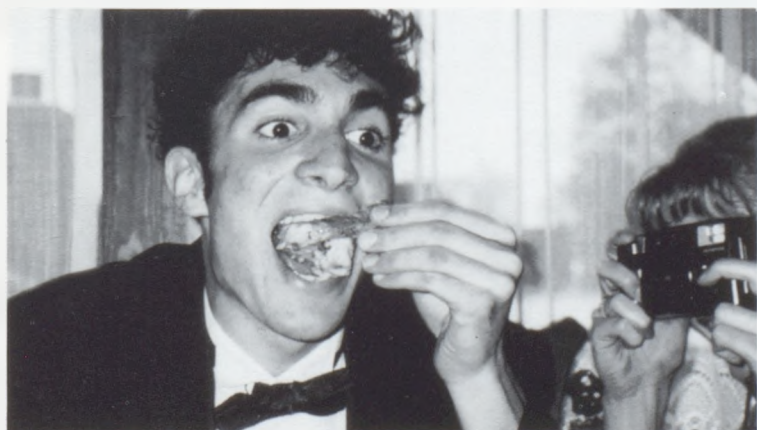
Cars were washed, tuxedos fitted, flowers ordered, finger-nail polish matched and in some cases, limousines rented. All of these activities were in preparation for a fancy dinner followed by the prom. "It was kind of ironic that the dance ended at 11:30 and the whole theme was 'Midnight In Paris,'" said junior Heather Smith. "No one really cared, though, because they were excited about winning all of the prizes at after prom."

When the last slow song came to an end and the mints and punch were finished, many students headed to "Under the Big Top," the after prom party. Even those who didn't attend the dance were present in the new gym where more than \$2250 in cash was given away. Other prizes included three CD players, a bike and a TV/VCR. "I didn't have money or a date, so I didn't go to the dance," said junior Eric Sable. "After prom was an excuse to stay out all night, plus I won a little money."

Many students, after having their curfew lengthened, enjoyed various circus attractions during the early morning. A senior slide show and many games such as Twister, hula-hooping and Black Jack were just a taste of what was to come. "I only won a buck in blackjack but the entertainment pretty much made up for it," said senior Beth Koch. "I really liked when the people made faces at the hypnotist. Tara (Guttridge) had the cutest face and it was hilarious when Aaron Corcoran flipped him off."

After the hypnotist snapped his fingers and everyone returned to reality, students gathered up their prizes, kissed their dates goodbye and headed

home to meet Mr. Sandman. **Spread by Steve Ring**



Posing for sophomore Angie Hefner's picture, senior Nick Notis displays his table manners. Notis and friends chartered an airplane to eat at Strawtown Inn in Pella. photo by Jennifer Gray

The best part of Class Day was when we opened our time capsules from eighth grade. In mine I put that I liked Eric Jones. It was funny thinking back to then, because now we're great friends.

Shannon Woodhall, senior

Putting on their last performance, senior cheerleaders and pom squad members Teresa White and Lindsey Fischer cheer to the beat of the school fight song. In addition to their performance, the band and chorus also performed numbers for the graduating class. photo by Steve Ring



JUNIOR/SENIOR BOARD. Tara Guttridge, Matt Simpson, Megan Bengard. ROW 2. Michelle Shattuck, Elaine Jamagin, Julie Cottrell, Aaron Vis, Beth Koch.



Senior Libby Herrmann proudly places her volleyball next to the softball trophy. Recognizing each school activity, the mementos served as a symbol of the seniors' dedication to extracurricular activities. photo by Steve Ring

RECOGNITION

Deserving seniors are awarded with honors

Placing the white honor cord around senior Amy Lingenfelder's neck, Dr. James Casey congratulates her for placing in the top three percent of the senior class. photo by Steve Ring

"These are days that we'll remember," blared 10,000 Maniacs over the loud speaker. One by one the seniors walked onto the gym floor for their chance to be in the spotlight. Planned and prepared by the Junior/Senior Board, Class Day provided seniors with the chance to be recognized and honored for their hard work and dedication throughout high school.

Since the beginning of the school year Junior/Senior Board members had gathered once a month in the school library, to plan for the activities of Class Day and Senior Breakfast. With the help of faculty members Mrs. Joyce Rash, Mrs. Phyllis Caswell and Mr. Jerry Stratton, board members decided on the theme "These Are The Days" and planned what flowers, balloons and banners would be used to decorate the gym. "None of the students gave us any ideas that we could use as a theme, so we just came up with our own theme at one of the meetings," said junior board member Matt Simpson.

By 9:00 a.m. Friday, May 26, the gym was perfected as seniors paraded across the stage to accept various scholarships, awards and medals. Unlike previous years where the seniors sat in chairs on a set of risers, this year was different because they didn't want to scratch the floor of the new gym. "I didn't like how we had to sit in the bleachers this year. It made things look less formal from previous years," said senior Angel Hillger.

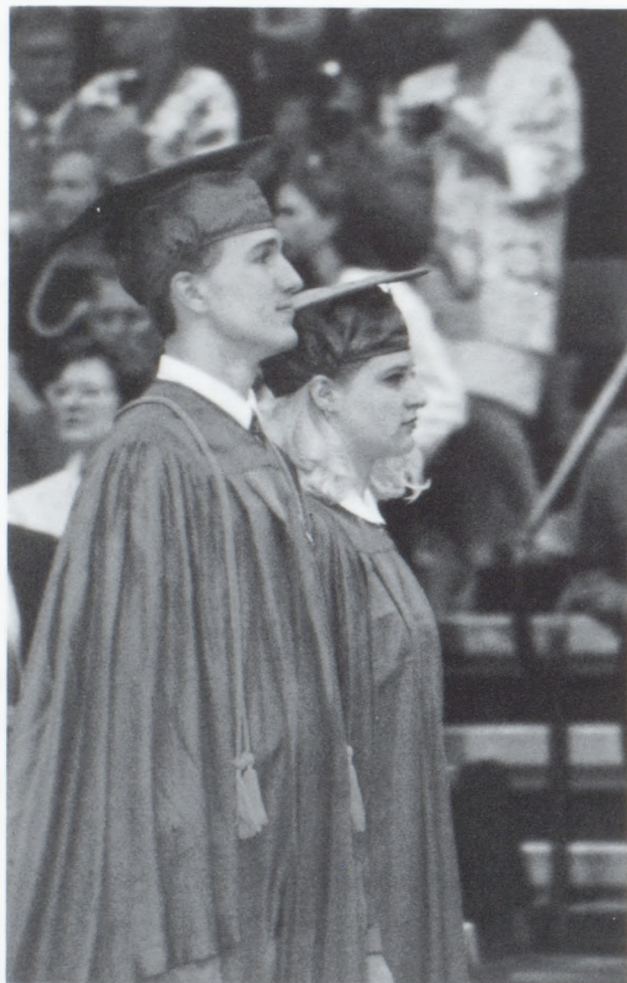
Despite the slight change from previous years, Class Day ran smoothly. As time capsules from eighth grade were opened and seniors reminisced of their middle school days, new memories were being formed as they experienced Class Day and prepared for the major step toward graduation. **Spread by Emily Gelormino**



Senior friends Brenton Brown and Jill Norviel pose for the camera after Class Day. Stands were filled for the activities as friends and relatives travelled to give their congratulations to the seniors. photo by Steve Ring

“Now that I’ve graduated I feel alive and plan to go bungee jumping and skydiving.”
Jeff Backstrom, senior

As the notes of of the song *Pomp and Circumstance* fill the air, seniors Ben Hicks and Jamie Howard stand by their seats and wait for the rest of their classmates to file into the gymnasium. Graduation ceremonies were held in the new gym for the first time allowing more spacious seating for friends and families of the graduates. photo by Steve Ring



Leaning over, senior Doug Hammond adjusts the tassel on fellow senior Jennifer Hamilton's cap. At the end of the graduation ceremony seniors switched their tassels from the left side of their caps to the right side. photo by Steve Ring



Senior speaker Nick Notis demonstrates, "grabbing the bull of life by the horns." This was the conclusion to Notis' speech that made many laugh. photo by Steve Ring

FRESH ASPECTS

New rituals change the face of graduation



Senior Angie Ritters helps adjust the collar on fellow senior Sarah Rains' gown. Gowns being put on and adjusted were common sights moments before the graduation ceremony began. photo by Mark Stookey

Over the years graduation has always been thought of as a routine ceremony. Although parts of graduation carried out traditions, there were some major changes from past ceremonies. For the first time graduation was held in the new gymnasium, due to the increased size of the graduating class. "An advantage to having graduation in the new gym was more people could watch graduation," said senior Tony Gentile.

In addition to the location of the ceremony, new principal Dr. James Casey spoke to the first class he had seen graduate from the high school. Also, filing into the gymnasium two-by-two was a new aspect of graduation. "It was funny to see Emily Gelormino and Lee Fillingsness walk in together, since they were totally opposite in height," said senior Amanda Gardner.

Even though there were changes to graduation, some traditional events remained the same. There were several speakers throughout the day, who all had their own way to describe graduating and moving on in life. One of these phrases that many listeners got a laugh out of was the conclusion to the speech by senior speaker Nick Notis. "If we can learn to integrate self-confident maturity with childhood ambition and curiosity," said Notis, "we will be able to grab the bull of life by the horns."

After the tassels had been switched and diplomas were handed out, newly graduated seniors walked from the gymnasium for the last time as high school students. During their exit, caps went into the air and many proud parents watched their children instantly grow up. **Spread by Mark Stookey**



Walking back to her seat with her diploma, senior Beth Koch gives a smile to the crowd. Although students walked to the stage singly, they filed into the gymnasium two-by-two for the first time. photo by Steve Ring

Do you believe that O.J. Simpson will be convicted of murder?

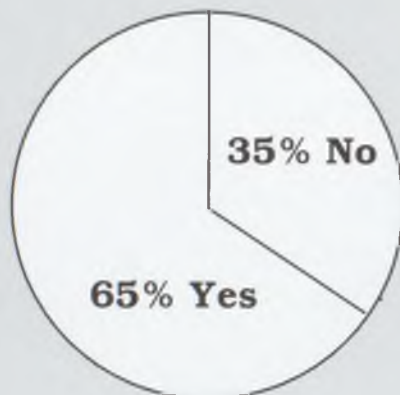
"I believe O.J. Simpson will be convicted of first degree murder on two counts. There is an overwhelming amount of medical and forensic evidence against him. I feel the jurors will have little sympathy for a man who has been so violent with his wife in the past."

-Beth Marvin, junior-

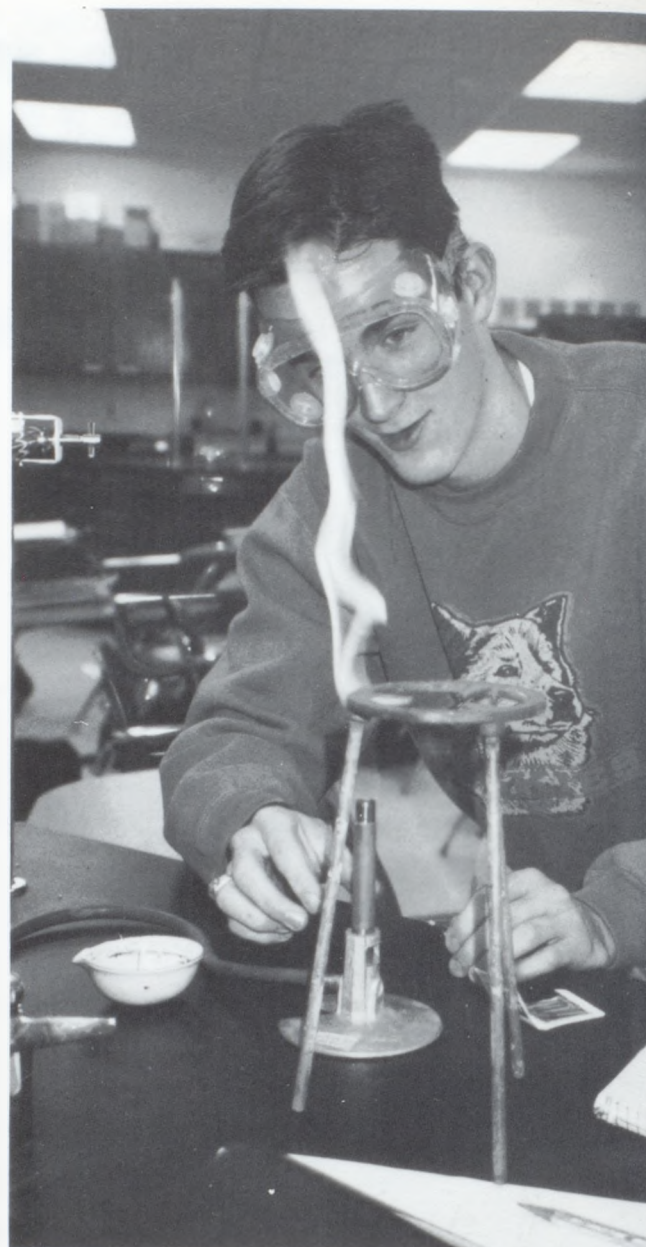
"No, I don't. He has so much influence on so many people, it will affect their decision making process. They think, 'Wow, he's too popular. He's got too much going for him. Why would he do that?' It doesn't have to do with the evidence. It's his influence. People might be afraid of being on someone's bad list, if they convict him."

-Alexi Jameson, sophomore-

Do you believe that O.J. Simpson is guilty of murdering Nicole Simpson?



***survey was a response of two classes from each grade level**



Do you agree with the three minute prayer time in school?

"I definitely believe that prayer in school would be good. The educational system in the early times was based on the *Bible*. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson developed the *Constitution* on the *Bible*. They said that without the *Bible* in school, it would be unsuccessful. In 1962, when The Supreme Court decided to take it out of school, education declined. I think it would be helpful because it would give students a spiritual sense. I think that putting biblical morals back into school would bring the school back to the way it was meant to be."

-Chad Thompson, freshman-



"It is a bad idea founded on good intentions. I think the people who support this idea are trying to revert an otherwise demoralized society to a more fundamentalist one. However, the flaw lies in history. If we add a little religion in school now, we'll add more later, and eventually along that same path, religious ideas may evolve in the school format. One student's way of worshipping his god or gods will become the right way and another student's way of worshipping will be wrong. If people truly believe in god or whatever higher being, they will worship in their own way on their own time."

-Lee Fillingsness, senior-



VOICING VIEWS

Students express opinions on current topics

Should weighted grading be implemented at Johnston High School?

"I'm against weighted grading because of the tradition of the 4.0 grading scale. It is unfair to the kids who are not privileged enough to take AP or accelerated classes. If you did get a 4.0 on a 5.0 scale, it would not look as good. Also, your ACT score will reflect taking advanced classes. Your ACT score is more important than your grade point average. It is more important to learn."

-Tom Caswell, senior-



"I'm all for weighted grading. Students who opt to take AP or Honors classes should get more credit. It's not fair for their grade point and class rank to lower because they are taking harder classes. They are more rigorous and require much more work. Students who take the harder classes may not have a 4.0 but they're probably the better student than those who float by in easier classes. It just doesn't look that way by class rank or GPA."

-Marisa Hansen, junior-



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Junior Peter Alexander adjusts the flame while participating in an Honors Chemistry lab. Honors Chemistry was one of many advanced classes which could have been included in weighted grading. photo by Tara Guttridge, spread by Tara Guttridge and Missy Roberts



• "It is the school's responsibility to reward the students who are
• trying to better themselves by taking advanced courses instead of
• taking the easier way out, with classes such as Foods. It would
• show students that they can work their hardest and still get
• rewarded for it. It would encourage people to try to take advanced
• courses instead of scaring them away with bad grades."

-Emily Brown, sophomore-



• "I disagree with it because I am in an advanced class and I don't feel
• that I am any different than anyone else. I don't think people should
• be graded differently because the advanced class is their level."

-Derek Kim, freshman-

WHAT'S HOT

Is it totally chic or utterly geek?

Top-Grossing Films

1. Forrest Gump
2. The Lion King
3. True Lies
4. The Flintstones
5. The Santa Clause
6. Clear & Present Danger
7. Speed
8. The Mask
9. Maverick
10. Interview With the Vampire

Top TV Programs

1. Home Improvement
2. Grace Under Fire
3. E.R.
4. Seinfeld
5. NFL Monday Night Football

Top Selling Cars

1. Dodge Caravan
2. Chevy Cavalier
3. Ford Explorer
4. Ford Taurus
5. Chevy Blazer
6. Buick LeSaber
7. Plymouth Voyager
8. Ford Escort
9. Pontiac Grand Am
10. Jeep Grand Cherokee

Top-Selling Albums

1. Vitalogy- Pearl Jam
2. Miracles: The Holiday Album- Kenny G
3. Live at the BBC- The Beatles
4. Merry Christmas- Mariah Carey
5. II- Boyz II Men

Best-Selling Singles

1. "Here Comes the Hotstepper"- Ini Kamoze
2. "On Bended Knee"- Boyz II Men
3. "Another Night"- Real McCoy
4. "Always"- Bon Jovi
5. "Creep"- TLC

Source: Information Please Almanac, 1995



ONCE UPON A TIME...

*Current events
from June 1994 -
May 1995*

June 17- Famous athlete O.J. Simpson is charged with the murder of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and a male friend of hers.

July- Floods rage in Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

July 17- Brazil over Italy in the World Cup Soccer Tournament.

July 26-Aug. 5- President

Clinton under scrutiny in the Whitewater affair regarding questionable real estate dealings.

Sept. 12-Dec. 14- Numerous attacks on the White House including a plane's crash landing on the south lawn.

Sept. 14- 1994 baseball season, including the World Series, is cancelled due to a player strike.

Sept. 30- Postponement of the National Hockey League season is announced.

Oct. 21- North Korea and the U.S. sign a pact defusing the nuclear crisis.

Nov. 3- After reporting the abduction of her two sons, Susan Smith of South Carolina, was charged with their deaths.

Nov. 6- George Foreman was

• **S**howing off her latest
• body piercing, sopho-
• more Kellie Barney
• flashes her belly button ring.
• Eyebrow, nose and navel
• rings, and tattoos soared in
• popularity at Johnston and
• across the nation. photo and
• spread by Kris Tedesco



"I think the latest fashion trend is the hippie style, which I think is cool. The platform shoes, the knee-high socks and the 70's hairstyles are all coming back."

Jodee Kennel, junior

How Much Was It?

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gallon of milk: \$2.13

gallon of gas: \$1.16

movie admission: \$5.75

Cosmopolitan: \$2.75

Converse shoes: \$25

1995 Ford Mustang: \$19,500

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the oldest boxer to win a championship when he KO'ed Michael Moorer.

Nov. 8- Republicans win control of Congress for the first time since 1954.

Nov. 16- Patricia Howlett of Johnston disappears and is later found stabbed and burned near I-80.

Dec. 6- Paul Hill is sentenced to death after slaying an abortion doctor outside of a Pensacola, Florida, clinic.

Dec. 8- Congress approves GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade).

Dec. 9- Clinton demands the resignation of Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders after remarks endorsing masturbation to schoolchildren.

Dec. 20- Mexico's peso devaluates by 30%, causing nationwide turmoil.

Jan.- Voters pass California's Proposition 187, keeping public benefits from illegal immigrants.

Jan. 3- AIDS cases top one million.

Jan. 17- Earthquake in Japan causes over 5,000 deaths.

Jan. 29- San Francisco 49ers over San Diego Chargers in the SuperBowl.

Mar. 18- Superstar Michael Jordan returns to basketball after a 17-month retirement.

Mar. 31- Mexican-American singer Selena shot in Corpus Christi, Texas, at the age of 23.

Apr. 2- Baseball strike ends.

Apr. 3- UCLA over Arkansas in the NCAA Championship Game.

Apr. 19- Three-hundred civilians injured in a gas attack on a train in Yokohama, Japan.

Apr. 19- Over 200 die in a bomb explosion at the Oklahoma City federal building.

Source: Facts on File, 1995

Organizations



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Sophomore Sara Tapken remains calm during the stress of a newspaper paste-up night while using the waxing machine. photo by Danielle Carroll



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Onlookers anxiously wait as Mrs. Tamara Andrews puckers up in Student Council's "Kiss the Pig" contest. photo by Steve Ring



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Explaining her mock trial visual aid to junior Katie Jacobson, sophomore Jessi Dawson prepares for regionals at Drake. photo by Joann Stark



o explore other interests the towns-
 people banded together to form
 unique organizations. The elected
 officials helped to promote the spirit

of activities within the castle by sponsoring "Class of the Year Points." This competition created a friendly rivalry among the villagers. Other clubs pursued their passions by competing against the fraternities of other schools and challenging them in the King's courts. The town criers were kept very busy reporting these activities and traveled across the country to the land of California to spread the news. The more sensitive villagers devoted their time to aiding others by collecting food rations, volunteering their time and donating their royal blood...



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Filling out a photo envelope, junior Stephen Paul Ring drops off a couple rolls of film at the courtesy counter in the Johnston Hy-Vee. Taking in rolls of film was one of the many duties only a two-year staff member could do without the written permission of senior editor Barb Johns or advisor Leslie Shipp. photo by Heidi Johns

"My favorite part of ELP was flying kites because mine went the highest."
Jodi Hill
junior



ELP. Brian Freeman, Ben Oviatt, Jodi Hill, Bethany Ashby, Emily Skow, Mandy McConnelee. **ROW 2** Jessica Dawson, Emily Betz, Pam Johnson, Jason Meade, Beau Brindley, Jason Schissel, Leanna Morris.



HISTORY DAY. Meghan Madagascar, Emily Betz, Bethany Ashby, Emily Skow, Kristin Warren. **ROW 2.** Jim Wynn, Jason Meade, Bryan Burkhardt, Beau Brindley



A cart loaded with various dictionaries, worksheets and assignments served as ELP instructor Pam Johnson's portable classroom for the first

semester. "It was funny. You could never find Mrs. Johnson

MAKING DUE WITH THE CART

without her cart," said sophomore Jessica Dawson.

Finally after a year and a half of living with her "portable classroom" Johnson received a classroom of her own in the new addition. It had cabinets, wall space and even a shiny silver sink.

Sophomore David Klipec said, "In the new room we finally had enough space to throw

IN THE NEW CLASSROOM

our Da Vinci paper airplanes during the unit on aviation."

After mock trial season ended and spring break came, history day competitors decided to begin the immense amount of work they had facing them. Some put off finishing the project so

long that they were forced to stay up many late nights. "The day before district compe-

NOT GETTING MUCH SLEEP

tition I had to stay up all night finishing the project while my partner talked to my brother," said junior Bethany Ashby.

The sleepless nights and nerve-racking struggles to write annotations all seemed worthwhile when four out of the seven

history day groups qualified for the national competition in Washington, D.C.

DESTINATION, WASHINGTON, D.C.

"Even though we had our share of adverse circumstances, like having our classroom on a cart," said junior M.J. Martin II, "we have always handled these situations in a positive manner."

Spread by Cheryl Larson and Meghan Mandsager

Sophomore Kristin Sorrells reads the book *Remember Me* in order to gain more information about the subject of cancer for her second semester project. photo by Meghan Mandsager



Students studied philosophers and created their own philosophy on life in September.

The history of stamps was investigated throughout the month of December. Then the students made their own stamps.

The freshman class designed trading cards of the Nobel Peace Prize winners December 10 to enter in the Grinnell Peace Project.

Johnston community growth was the topic of the freshman class' portfolio entered in the Disney Young Scholars contest February 3.

April 29 marked State History Day competition.

Paper airplanes, bubbles and kites were seen flying through the halls as the students investigated flight and aviation in May.

During their finals period students competed in knowledge quiz bowls.



Assembling their trading cards for the Grinnell Peace Project freshmen Maria Brown and Melissa Knowles carefully line up the front and back sides of the cards. photo by Cheryl Larson

Taking a test flight on the flight simulator sophomore Jason Meade takes time to enjoy the attractions at a monthly Rotary Club meeting. The club gave Meade an opportunity to earn funds for National History Day while having fun at the same time. photo by Meghan Mandsager

After learning the properties of bubbles, sophomore Jared Grant conducts an experiment to get the perfect bubble. photo by Meghan Mandsager

*"I thought people were more interested in sharing their faith at the lock-in than I had seen before."
Alicia Baumgarn
sophomore*



FCA. Michael Herrmann, Renee Ebke, Kyla Kiester, Millie Smith, Megan Bengard, Julie Cottrell, Heather Smith, Danielle Carroll, Courtney Johnson, Leanna Morris, Jodi Hill, Libby Herrmann. **ROW 2.** Bryan Burkhardt, Christopher Stafford, Pat McGowan, Buck Olsen, Jodi Peitzman, Amy Brehmer, Sarah Schoper, Barb Johns, Paula Biondi, Tara Guttridge, Lisa Gentile.



FCA BOARD MEMBERS. Secretary Megan Bengard, Vice-President Pat McGowan, President Buck Olsen, Treasurer Matt Simpson.



Strength in numbers; that could have been the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' motto. There were more than 100 students

LOCK-IN BRINGS EXCITEMENT

"There was a big change in numbers this year and that gave us the chance to do more things like the lock-in and gave us the opportunity to break down into small groups and talk more about why we're a group," said FCA president, junior Buck Olsen.

at the group's first meeting. As the numbers grew, so did the faith of the group.

OFFERING GROUP SUPPORT

They spoke about different aspects of Christianity including God's love, God-given gifts and the choices life provides.

Another highlight for the group was the state FCA retreat in Marshalltown which provided yet another way to learn about God.

Throughout the year, many students presented their religious testimonies.

RETREAT TEACHES ABOUT GOD

every week. My small group leader really made me think about that and made me realize that there's more to Christianity than just going to church," said junior Steve Rodriguez.

"When I went to the retreat I thought I was going to heaven just because I go to church

DISCUSSION IN SMALL GROUPS

were once again able to expand their faith through fellowship.
Spread by Matt Simpson

interest in furthering their faith, generated an eventful year. Christian students



Leading his small group, FCA Vice-President junior Pat McGowan reads from the Bible as sophomore Sean Flannery and juniors Courtney Johnson and Gretchen Powell listen intently for the meaning. photo by Buck Olsen



More than 100 people crammed into Buck Olsen's living room for the first meeting.

Members shared faith and had fun at FCA's first lock-in at Meredith Drive Reformed Church.

Christopher Stafford, Nick Iwig, Matt Simpson and Buck Olsen froze their buns off while helping with parking at Drake to fundraise for camps.

Members enhanced their relationship with God at the FCA retreat.

While at McGowan's house, member's cars are ticketed by police for parking on the wrong side of the street.

FCA grilled out at the annual banquet held at Sundblads' house.



Junior Tim Halling quotes a passage from *The Bible* during a meeting at Buck Olsen's house. Halling talked about how to utilize innate skills in everyday life. photo by Matt Simpson



Freshman Tammy Walz lunges forward to return the volleyball during the lock-in held at Meredith Drive Reformed Church in December. Members enjoyed pizza, listening to speakers, small group discussions and other activities during free-time. photo by Barb Johns

President, junior Buck Olsen sings *Our God is an Awesome God* with FCA members from across the state at the FCA retreat. photo by Jeff Simpson

Participants made certain to attend 7:00 a.m. practices on Fridays for donuts.

On January 28, students attended the Drake clinic and listened to a social worker talk about elderly abuse.

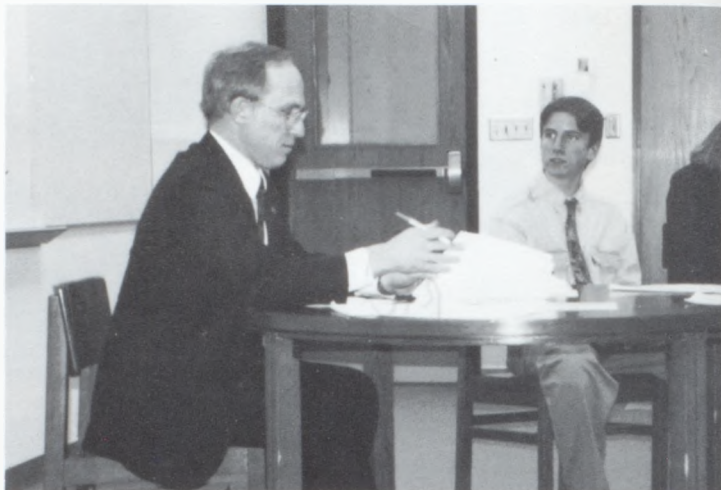
On January 30, the case was run-through for the first time.

On February 1, Linda Moeller visited to explain the rules and regulations of nursing homes.

Regional mock trial competition was held on March 14. All four teams qualified for the regional run-offs the next night.

Three out of the four teams qualified for the state level competition.

At run-throughs, sophomore Jeff Allen rehearses his part as a witness with attorney judge Doyle Sanders. Sanders gave comments to help the teams improve. photo by Danielle Carroll



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Discussing their case strategy, freshman Maria Brown and sophomore Ben Oviatt decide on the points they'll bring out during a cross-examination of Marian, the widow in an elderly abuse case. photo by Danielle Carroll

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Freshman Sharon Ehm carefully keeps track of the time spent on the direct examination. Mock trial teams were required to stay within a certain time limit or a penalty was given. photo by Danielle Carroll



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Sophomore Beau Brindley gives his closing argument at the regional competition. Brindley's team placed ninth at state. photo by Danielle Carroll





MOCK TRIAL Meghan Mandsager, Missy Knowles, Ben Oviatt, Monica Kim, Rachel Graaf **ROW 2.** Aaron Gilmore, Jason Meade, Jessica Dawson, Amy Lingenfelder.



"Mock trial skills are great for arguing with your

parents. When we disagree I can cross-examine them to prove I'm right."
Rachel Graaf
senior



MOCK TRIAL Robin Sanders, Felisha Montero, Emily Betz, Jason Schissel, Beth Marvin, Derek Kim, Tammy Walz **ROW 2.** Erin Russom, Bryan Burkhardt, Kristin Warren, Beau Brindley, Bryan Stennes, Jeff Allen.

Getting to school at 7 a.m., running through the three hour case every week, giving up early dismissals and spring break made for a worthwhile experience. "The satisfaction you get when you're done makes all the time you put in worth it," said senior Bryan Stennes.

THE SKILLS ARE BASIC

Not only did mock trial give a feeling of satisfaction to its participants, but it taught them a lot of things one wouldn't normally learn in the classroom. Sophomore Jason Meade said, "Mock trial will help you in life without you ever realizing it. It teaches you basic skills, such as speaking better in front of people."

COLLECT THE NECESSARY DATA

Basic skills like these were actually useful. "What I learned will stick with me for the rest of my life. I tend to be shy. This taught me to think on my feet and say what I mean," said junior Robin Sanders.

Students learned all this by studying a criminal case on elderly abuse. More students than ever before participated because Drake allowed a fourth team to compete. Three of these teams qualified for state. At the state trials, awards were given for outstanding performances. Sophomore Jason Schissel was awarded "Outstanding Witness," and senior Rachel Graaf was awarded "Outstanding

CROSS-EXAMINE YOUR WITNESSES

Lawyer." The Blue team received ninth place. The Green team got second, missing the opportunity to go to nationals by just one-fourth of a point. **Spread by Joann Stark**

WIN BASED ON PERFORMANCE

Summer meetings provided a time for the staff to bond and devour pizza in the comforts of junior Matt Webster's home.

A few staff members joined with yearbookies to form Leslie's Kids and partake in Homecoming Club Olympics.

The editors attended the Halloween party at Guitars and Cadillacs as a clown and a gypsy.

With sophomore Beau Brindley as their guide, the staff cartwheeled across the lab floor during the December deadline.

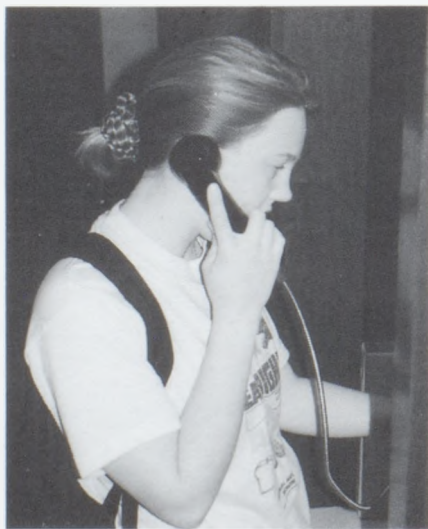
Wind whipped through the toilet paper strategically hung in advisor Leslie Shipp's trees over spring break.

In order to prevent air bubbles on the final layout, sophomore Sara Tapken assists junior Zac Christensen in rolling the wax pages onto the layout sheet. photo by Danielle Carroll



Senior Beth Ann Nelson carefully attaches a half-tone photo to the layout of the December issue. This was the staff's first attempt at this process without the aid of *The Johnston Advance*. photo by Danielle Carroll

After awaiting her turn, sophomore Sara Hill phones home to tell her parents everything she learned under the sun in San Diego. While it rained in Des Moines, Hill took advantage of sunny, California beaches, in search of "shells." photo by Danielle Carroll



Junior Robin Sanders reaches for the tape in order to secure the layout sheet. The layout was used for alignment and to create perfect right angles. photo by Danielle Carroll





NEWSPAPER. Emily Brown, Matt Webster, Zac Christensen, Beth Ann Nelson, **ROW 2.** Riley Iverson, Sarah Tapken, Beau Brindley, Kristin Warren, Robin Sanders, Sara Hill.



"I was so embarrassed when Kristin

Warren started talking about the butter cow in a crowded elevator in San Diego."

*Emily Brown
sophomore*



• **T**o interview senior Eric Jones, senior Riley Iverson communicates through use of a TDD. Iverson composed a story on Jones' go-kart racing for the March issue. photo by Danielle Carroll

After months of complications, the *Black and White* staff caught their suspect, identified as frustration. The entire staff had been, at one time or another, victim of the crime. Junior Matt Webster recalled his experience, "I don't know how many times I had my restaurant review edited. They kept telling me to add detail. I guess 'very green, very round peas' wasn't what they meant."

Frustration attacked in many forms. The staff lost four members throughout the year. Junior Heather Tuttle and sophomore Kelly Wong quit mid-year. "The loss was at a bad time, no one was ready to adapt. Picking up the slack caused us to have some not-so-great issues," said sophomore Beau Brindley. Despite the recurring frustration, the staff succeeded in producing a six page paper with an added sports page and a new seven column format.

Along with problems inside the group, outside controversy made its appearance throughout the year. Many editorials, such as those regarding the P.E. policies, the lunchroom policy and student council sparked controversy. "After I got a call about my editorial, it made me think about what I write and how it affects others," said junior Kristin Warren. "It showed me that people

VERY ROUND, VERY GREEN

LEARNING TO COMPENSATE

CONTROVERSIAL REVIEW

TRAVELING NEWSIES

do read the paper and it does affect them." Once things on the homefront dissolved, four staff members traveled to the JEA/NSPA conference in San Diego. Sophomore Emily Brown said, "I look forward to incorporating the things I learned in San Diego, especially more humor." **Spread by Danielle Carroll**

"It should never be too much to volunteer. It doesn't take much time and leaves an impact."

*Beth Koch
senior*



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. Matthew Warren, Marisa Baumgart, Courtney Lester, Kari Tank, Jennifer Jones, Sarah Schoper. **ROW 2.** Jason Matkins, Bylan Stennes, Amy Lingenfelder, Rachel Graaf. **ROW 3.** Benjamin Hicks, Bryan Greiner, Beth Koch, Alex Jeffries, Amanda Gardner.



Delivering a carnation to senior Megan Little, senior Sarah Schoper wishes her a happy Valentine's Day. National Honor Society sold carnations for both homecoming and Valentine's Day. photo by Cody Koch



If shopping in the Barbie Doll section of Target for the handicapped or getting stuck in the arm with a long needle sounds

appealing, then one should strive to become a member of the National Honor Society.

GOOD DEEDS FOR THE HANDICAPPED

ety. The group's service projects were varied, but they all had the same purpose in mind: to help people.

Instead of worrying about getting their Christmas shopping done NHS took a group of handicapped children to Target to help

them with theirs. Over ten members from the organization participated in the event.

INITIATING NEW MEMBERS

They faced the Christmas rush to buy everything from clothing to childrens' toys. "I got a kick out of watching the guys shopping in the Barbie Doll section of Target," said NHS sponsor Mrs. Iris Scott. "The whole group had a great time and did a great job."

VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME

of shopping. Many students chose to face their fear of needles to help save lives. "It was great to see so many students recognize the need to participate in an event like this," said National Honor Society president Ben Hicks. "They all knew how important it was

If one were hungry for free cookies one could participate in the annual blood drive put on by NHS instead

EMPHASIZING ACADEMICS

tion continued to think of others even up to the very end of the year. At the last meeting they voted to donate three hundred dollars for a scholarship for one deserving senior. They finished the year with one last showing of generosity. **Spread by Cody Koch**

to give blood and how many people could be helped by this."

The organiza-



Getting some refreshments after the induction ceremony senior Benjamin Hicks and junior Zac Christensen reflect over NHS's past activities. Over seventy juniors were recognized as new members of the organization. photo Cody Koch



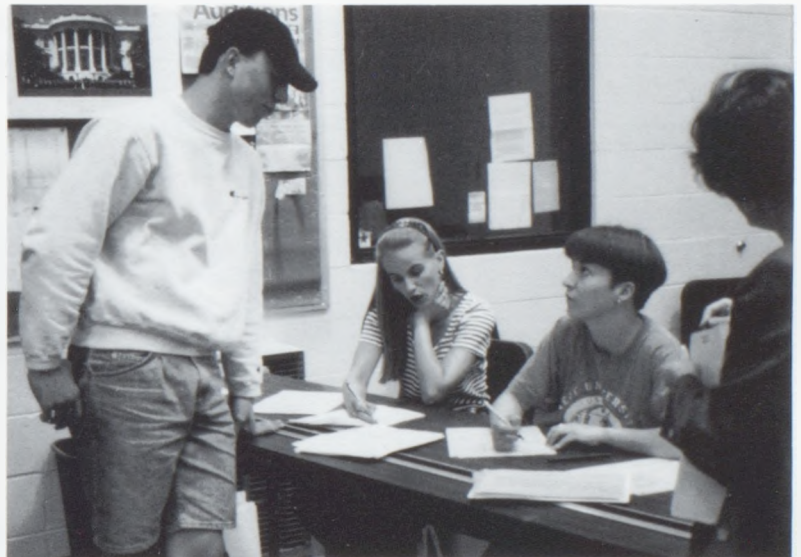
National Honor Society urged students to participate in the annual blood drive to help save lives.

Three hundred dollars were donated for a scholarship to give to one deserving graduate.

The organization sold flowers at homecoming and Valentine's Day to give students a chance to express their feelings for others.

NHS fought the Christmas rush at Target to help ten handicapped children from the Children's Habilitation Center do their Christmas shopping.

The organization welcomed over seventy juniors as new members at the annual induction ceremony.



Preparing for the NHS blood drive, senior Bob Johnson and junior Megan Bengard browse over the list of people that would donate blood as sophomore Alicia Frasier looks on. photo by Cody Koch



The fear of needles or the sight of blood didn't keep senior Jenn Morrison from the blood drive. For some giving blood was a frightening experience. "I was scared to give blood," said senior NHS member Elaine Jamagin. "It really wasn't that bad once it was over." photo by Missy Roberts

Senior Libby Herrmann is questioned by a nurse at the annual blood drive. The blood drive was co-sponsored by NHS and Student Council. photo by Missy Roberts

"Projects help you see there are other people besides who you hang out with that have problems."
Laura Schuster
junior



CAPTAIN'S CREW. Chrissie Huisman, Heather Smith, Danielle Carroll, **ROW 2.** Rebecca Longmire, Jennifer Gray, Matt Simpson, Christopher Stafford.



Tallying up tickets at the Purple Party sophomore Jared Adams, senior Shannon Hildreth and junior Brian Nichols work hard. Their project was to raise money for the school. photo by Danny Bright



"I have considered the activities of the Leadership Retreat, my personal beliefs, and my own situation. I understand that to a great extent, I may be looked upon as Johnston High School."

STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sixty-five students understood this honor and signed their name to the SAIL Commitment pledging to remain a positive role model. "Hopefully, people can look up to me and have an incentive to be more active," said junior Christopher Stafford.

ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY

As the number of active students ready to take on the responsibility of being a leader increased, the responsibility of making decisions became harder. To solve the problem the Captain's Crew was formed with nine students. The Crew made decisions for the better of the SAIL group such as writing the criteria for attending the retreat.

IN CHARGE OF THEIR ACTIONS

"Further, I will strive to live my life outside the classroom in a manner that will not embarrass myself, my family, or my school."

Service projects benefited the community and were used to eliminate students who did not take their effect as a leader seriously. Students that did not complete their group project would not return to the Leadership Retreat the following year. Projects also allowed

LEADERSHIP TAKEN SERIOUSLY

students the opportunity to use their skills after returning from the retreat.

"Finally, I agree to follow the rules that the group has established. I want to be part of the SAIL organization." **Spread By Crystal Smith.**



Giving a few pointers junior Jason Caton helps Scott Grubb practice his dribbling technique at Special Olympics. Many schools attended the Special Olympics held in the high school gym on February 16. photo by Crystal Smith



Showing new students the way was the duty for Jeremy Heinen's small group.

Jessica Paff's small group drained a little blood to help a life.

Helping to keep a few hands warm was the only cost to get into the dance sponsored by Evie Sewell's small group.

Dale Doudna's group DARED to keep kids off drugs.

Compiling a few books for a little light reading kept Gordy Allen's small group busy.

Kathy Schweitzer's group beautified the school's grounds.

Tiffany Zortman's small group shared their knowledge with their elementary students.



Senior Bree Chambers, juniors Courtney Johnson, Brenda Mitchell, Amy Brehmer and sophomores Sherri Winrich and Lauren Pendergraft lead the pack. Second-timers and SAIL members hiked through the Challenge Course to learn the art of trust. photo by James Stone

During the Leadership Retreat junior Christy Buchmeier digs deep to find her bags. Buchmeier completed her service project by volunteering at Special Olympics. photo by Danielle Carroll

Freshman Ryan McGowan, sophomore Michael Herrmann, junior Monica Wiig and sophomore Kelli Wong help a worker drag the carpet from the truck. photo by Danny Bright

"In past years, the seniors usually made the decisions, but this year everybody got involved."
Shannon Hildreth
senior



STUDENT CLASS OFFICERS
 Sophomore Melissa Roberts, sophomore Alicia Frasier, senior Julie Cottrell, junior Megan Bengard, freshman Shauna Sleep, freshman Sarah Smith **ROW 2** Sophomore Justin Ehm, junior Ryan Maasen, senior Libby Herrmann, senior Shannon Hildreth, freshman Lanie Smith, junior Buck Olsen.



STUDENT BODY OFFICERS.
 Vice-President Danny Bright, Secretary Sarah Schoper, President John Davis.



"Class of the Year points will be taken at tonight's soccer game. Check-in time is from 7:00-8:00. Show your spirit and come

on out." This was a typical statement printed in the announcements by Student Council.

RUNNING FOR OFFICE

Class of the Year points were meant as a fun way to involve more students with school activities, but soon grew to a grudge match between juniors and seniors. "I thought the class picnic was a reward for people that went to activities. It shouldn't

be where teachers are buying food for their classes or where there is constant bickering

UPCOMING EVENTS

of who cheated," said sophomore Justin Ehm.

Throughout the school year, the council also sponsored dances, organized the blood drive and put a new steering committee plan into effect for homecoming activities. "I was a representa-

tive in eighth grade and didn't do much, but in high school you take on a much bigger

LONGING TO RID THE HAT RULE

responsibility," said freshman Shauna Sleep.

Every Wednesday, the council held meetings which were open to the student body. Items accomplished included surveys on the hat rule and informing the student body more effectively. This

was done by putting up a bulletin board with a calendar of events.

EXCHANGE WITH URBANDALE

Student Council went well this year. There was a variety of people and a variety of ideas," said senior John Davis. This variety aided the student body in dealing with change. Student Council showed a good start in dealing with the change of a bigger school and the changes that lay ahead. **Spread by Danny Bright**



Sophomore Missy Roberts jots down an event on the calendar located on a bulletin board in front of the new cafeteria. The board was purchased by Student Council. photo by Danny Bright



Council members judged Club Olympics.

Most compatible lists brought in over \$300.

Heart pins were sold for the Variety Club of Iowa.

A 50's and 60's dance was sponsored with proceeds going to Mr. Rick Albrecht.

A donation was given to Dollars for Scholars.

The annual blood drive was held May 12.



Sifting through her list of names, junior Megan Bengard asks a member of the community for a donation for Dollars for Scholars. Student council members and other volunteers spent hours calling parents asking if they would donate money for graduating seniors. photo by Danny Bright

As sophomore Alicia Frasier watches, junior Jennifer Porto signs in at a tennis match for Class of the Year points. The points earned were based on the percentage of students from each grade attending the event. photo by Danny Bright

Senior Julie Cottrell surrounds a tree with cedar chips. The tree was in memory of students who have passed away and was purchased by Student Council. photo by Danny Bright

*"It's like a
train track
where
there's two
trains coming from
different cities carry-
ing different cargo."*

*Heidi Johns
senior*



YEARBOOK. Joann Stark, Emily Gelormino, Heidi Johns, Crystal Smith, Mark Stookey.
ROW 2. Tara Guttridge, Megan Mandsager, Jennifer Jones, Cheryl Larson, Missy Roberts, Danielle Carroll.
ROW 3. Kris Tedesco, Matt Simpson, Cody Koch, Jared Grant, Barney Fife, Danny Bright, Steve Ring.



Finalizing her swimming page, sophomore Meghan Mandsager crops and labels her photos. Mandsager shot 83% and averaged 4.7 assists during the pressures of deadline nights. photo by Steve Ring



After a few moments of silence, returning members of the yearbook staff bid adieu to their sacred room seven and moved into

their new surroundings; room 413. "In the old room we didn't have all these techno-

YELLING UP THE YIN-YANG

logical advancements like drawers and cabinets," said junior Tara Guttridge. "Now I get a drawer all to myself with my name on it."

The staff left its mixed feelings about *You* behind and changed its attitude about how the book should be made. "Last

year we made a book that people either hated or loved," said advisor Leslie Shipp.

EDIBLE BRAS TASTE BAD

"This year we focused more on having a book we could all accept."

One way some of the members of the staff attempted to improve the book you are now reading was traveling to the JEA/NSPA conference held in San Diego, California. There, eight of the

17 staff members attended numerous sessions about photography, copy and the lat-

ACE VENTURA AT BARB'S

est design trends. "I can't express the value of what I learned," said sophomore Jared Grant. "Unfortunately, Pearl (Shipp), our assistant advisor, also made us go to the beach and get a suntan."

With dreams of couches, refrigerators and more computers,

the yearbook staff trudged through china pencils, croppers and laminated layouts to

ROSS' JEEP WAS TOO SMALL

produce *Dragon Tales*, a representation of *YOU*, the student body.
Spread by Steve Ring



Getting a little sidetracked during Club Olympics, advisor Leslie Shipp and senior Emily Gelormino discuss a grammatical error from a previous deadline. photo by Danielle Carroll



Even with sophomore Jared Grant pulling up posts, senior Heidi Johns heard a scratching at the van.

Sophomore Missy Roberts wasn't granted admission to "Ladies Night" at Guitars and Cadillacs.

Senior Danny Bright and junior Tara Guttridge played "rescue" at Barb's pool party.

The yearbook staff went to San Diego and ran through the halls screaming "Free at last!" thus ending Shipp's career.

Conserving gas and saving the ozone layer, the yearbook staff piled into the cars of local legends Ross Anderson and Joanna Stookey and headed to the Pizza Pit.

Seniors Heidi Johns, Emily Gelormino and junior Steve Ring claimed fame on San Diego's TV-8 news broadcast.

In San Diego's Best of Show competition the yearbook won third place.



Junior Crystal Smith discusses a few of her layout ideas with fellow yearbook members. The yearbook staff met many times during the summer to discuss plans for the next book and also to become more of a family. photo by Danielle Carroll



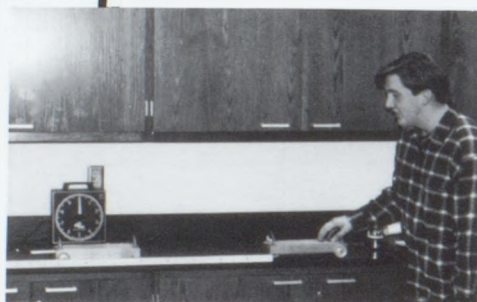
Sophomore Cheryl Larson quickly tries to sell an advertisement before the FBI can trace the call. Because some students misused the intercom system, teachers received seven digit codes necessary to operate the phone. photo by Steve Ring

Searching the brain of senior Beth Ann "A+ in Band" Nelson, junior Danielle Carroll tries to finish her yearbook spread about the newspaper class. photo by Steve Ring

Academics



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Making cookies sophomore Heather Raney, freshman Jenny Weaver and associate Denise Reif prepare for the Foods Christmas party. photo by Cody Koch



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Preparing for a collision, senior Brad Rippey conducts a physics experiment. The purpose of this experiment was to measure the conservation of energy. photo by Cody Koch

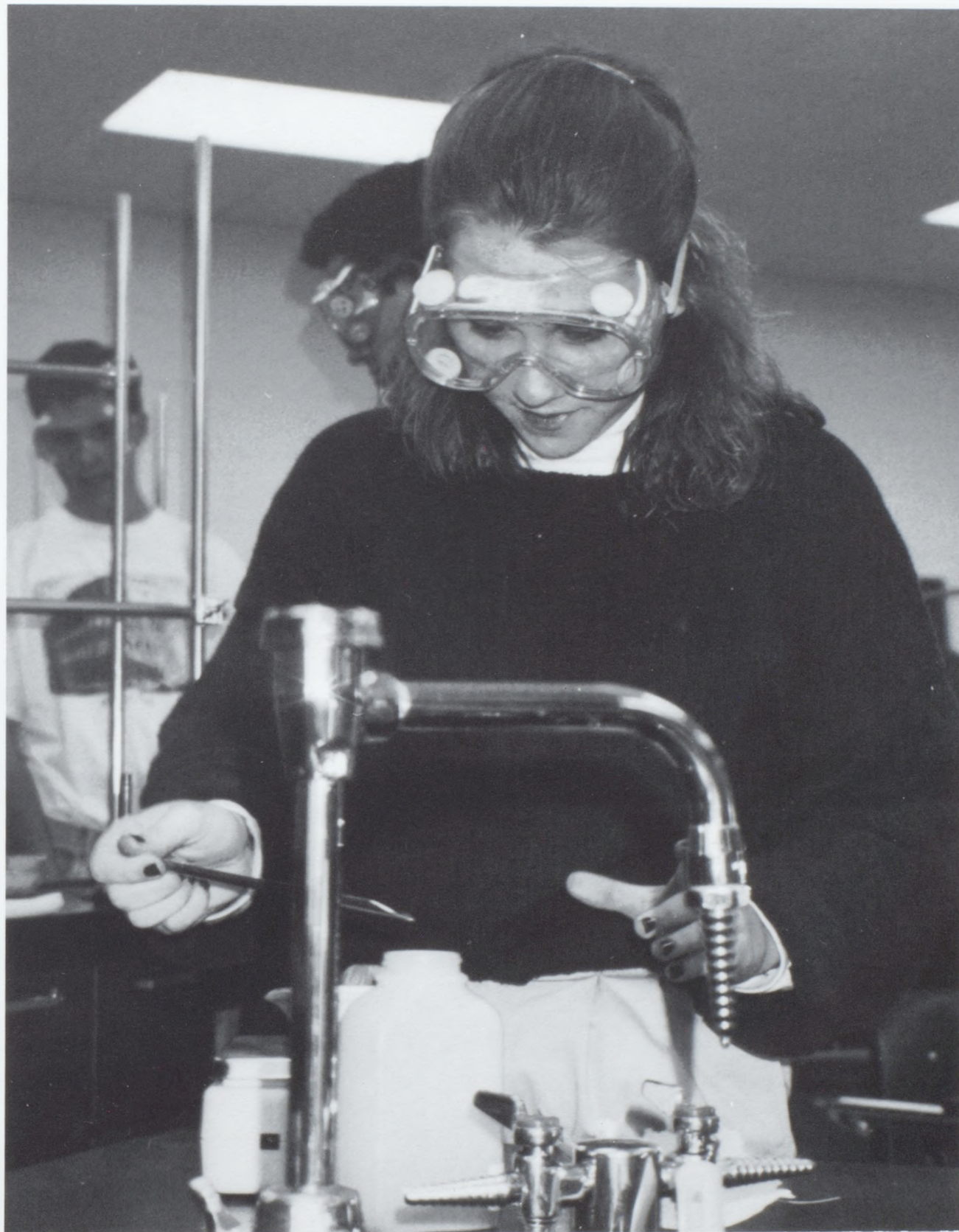


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Junior Chad Stamps works intently in his Radio/TV class at Central Campus. Some students opted to attend Central Campus to take classes not offered at Johnston. photo by Emily Gelormino



he villagers spent their days studying in the castle. The young apprentices learned many trades.

In addition to their regular studies some scholars learned to speak the language of neighboring countries or to develop their culinary skills in order to prepare lavish feasts for the king and his honored guests. Others ventured outside the castle walls visiting day cares, the art museum and the Saylorville woods to learn from their adventures. Trying to add to the wealth of the kingdom the alchemists conducted experiments striving for the right formula to change lead to gold, while the craftsmen created machinery to aid the knights in the battles that lie ahead...



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Carefully measuring some ammonium dichromate, sophomore Kristen Sorrels prepares to conduct an experiment to observe a decomposition reaction. This Honors Chemistry experiment was to observe different types of chemical reactions. The students watched as various chemicals reacted with magnesium ribbon. photo by Tara Guttridge

Sophomore Corey Meyer and freshman David Vannausdile exchange some highlights of their trip. The Life Skill students traveled to DMACC for a career day on April 20. photo by Crystal Smith



Quotable Quotes

"Journalism isn't something you can learn in the classroom, you have to experience it. Trends and technology are always changing so you have to keep up."

Heidi Johns, senior

"I didn't want to go to the Art Center, but it was worth 50 extra credit points in creative writing."

Juliane Morgan, junior



Taking a few notes, sophomore Jeff Allen works diligently. Mrs. Sue Cline's Accelerated World Studies classes visited Valley Junction and the Salisbury House to identify art forms they had studied throughout the year. photo by Jared Grant



Sophomore Ryan Roeth digs a hole in the earth making room for a tree to help beautify the grounds at Dewey Park. Biology classes and industrial classes worked at Dewey for Youth Volunteer Service Day on April 19. photo by Missy Roberts



Teachers wanted students to learn about

Julius Caesar and the government, but they

were too busy learning about..

The Real World

While students were held captive between the same four walls, listening for their assignments, more fortunate students were able to learn their lesson through a field trip. "It's better than seeing it from a book," said sophomore Shana Sellers.

Students and teachers boarded buses bound for their destination, left their books behind and let opportunity be their guide. "You get to learn from real people, not teachers. They know what it really takes, not courses and credits," said junior Blake Roth.

Sophomore English classes found what it really takes when they attended *All's Well That Ends Well* at Simpson College for their Julius Caesar unit. Senior government classes learned real functions of the Senate and House of Representatives when they visited the Capitol Building, while freshmen served jail time when they toured the Johnston Police Station for Topics in Citizenship.

Often, students became resourceful and discovered a way to enlighten their learning experience. "Some people found tunnels at the Capitol and left, but Mr. Stratton was with us so we couldn't go anywhere," said senior Brian Jackson.

Other students found field trips to be a chance to go somewhere that they would not normally consider. "My family is not the type to go to art museums so I knew this would be my only opportunity," said junior Heidi Wych.

Field trips were a source of curriculum for teachers, but for students it was a chance to get away from the confining walls and do a little of their own learning. **Spread by Crystal Smith**



Looking for a bargain junior Tara Guttridge surveys her choices at a thrift store in downtown San Diego. Newspaper and year-book staffs attended the JEA/NSPA in California to improve their journalism skills. photo by Danielle Carroll

Independent study is a way for students to
escape the confines of a normal classroom
and focus on...

Self-directed Learning

Enrollment in the independent study program provided students with the possibility to enhance their curriculum. Through independent studies students were able to choose a subject area which they wished to investigate further. Then students would spend a semester, approximately 90 hours, on some form of project or research.

Centering their independent study on obtaining factual knowledge, members of the Academic Decathlon team spent their time preparing for competition. The Academic Decathlon competition consisted of a series of tests and speeches. "To compete in Academic Decathlon we had to do a lot of research on our own. We used our independent study period to share our information," said junior Leanna Morris.

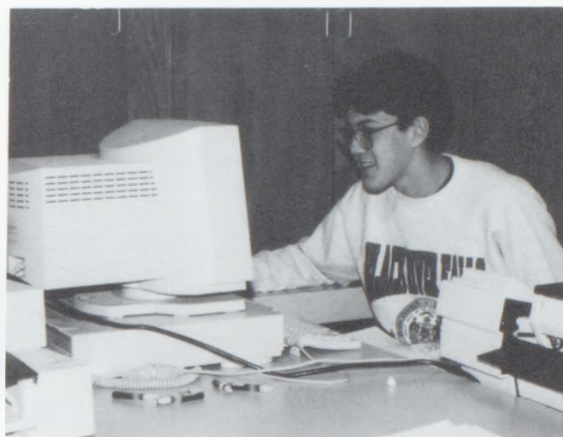
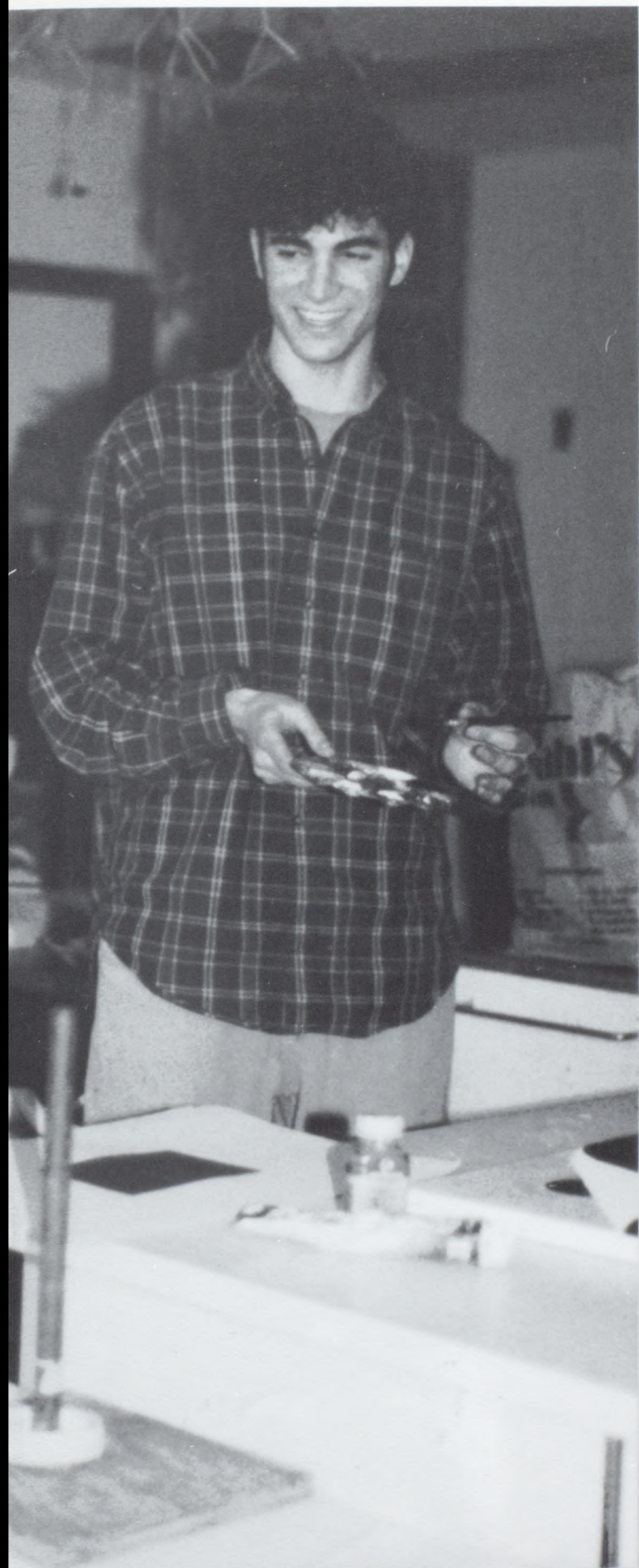
Other students focused their independent time in the area of industrial technology. Some spent their time repairing a damaged tractor while others prepared for competitions. "During my independent study I designed a house plan that I entered in a contest at S. E. Polk," said junior Matt Webster.

Several students chose to broaden their art experience by taking an independent study with art instructor Mr. Dan Weiss. Students were responsible for creating their own curriculum and evaluating themselves based upon their performance. "In my experience, when persons are in control of their own direction they learn a lot about themselves," said Weiss.

Independent study allowed students to focus on self-directed learning; it gave them the chance to learn independently. **Spread by Meghan Mandsager**

While senior Nick Notis mixes paints for his current art work, junior Justin Hoefling exhibits his "rich pastel." Notis enrolled in independent study to further his work with painting. Hoefling took independent study to explore and experiment with various art forms. photo by Meghan Mandsager





• Sophomore
• Vachel
• White boots
• up the program for the
• plot plan of
• his house design.
• White entered the
• design in a contest held
• at S. E. Polk.
• photo by
• Meghan
• Mandsager

Quotable Quotes

"I liked independent study because I did what I needed to do and I didn't have to bother with any busy work."

Tim Halling, junior

"I enrolled in an independent study because I got to make my own curriculum and it was made up of my ideas instead of those of another."

Jared Adams, sophomore



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In order to prepare her bowl for refiring, senior Megan Franck brushes off excess glaze. "I took an independent study because I wanted to continue my work with art but had taken all of the offered art classes," said Franck. photo by Meghan Mandsager



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Secluding themselves at a table, junior Emily Skow and senior Amy Lingenfelder read poetry from the Academic Decathlon study guide. Each competitor was required to read selected literary pieces for the Academic Decathlon competition. photo by Meghan Mandsager

Students from various countries traveled to

America to share cultures by decreasing

previous misconceptions and increasing...

The Exchange Rate

From the many students crowding the halls emerged the faces of other cultures. A large number and great variety of foreign exchange students enabled more American students to experience the ways of another society.

In the fall two large groups of students visited from St. Etienne, France, and Kofu, Japan. French teacher and sister city commissioner Mary Moermond said, "Overall, it was a great experience. I think the kids learned to be tolerant and more accepting of people who don't speak English fluently."

The visiting students spread out among families and grasped American life through both family and school activities. Senior Jennifer Gray said, "We took Naoko (Wado) to Saylorville, shopping, downtown and to Guitars and Cadillacs. She found out what teenage life was really like. They thought all we did was hang out in jeans all the time."

Full-year exchange students also learned about and adjusted to American life and schooling. Swedish student Peter Albinsson said, "The tests are so easy here. Multiple choice, all you have to do is choose A,B,C or D. We always had essay tests."

Many began participating in various activities in and outside of school. "I got bored and there weren't any school sports I wanted to play so I just went out and bought the equipment to play hockey," said German exchange student Hady Fink.

If here only for only a short stay or a year of study, foreign exchange students experienced a great change in culture and lifestyle while sharing a little of their own with America. **Spread by Danielle Carroll**

Taking a quick glimpse at the January issue of the *Black and White*, junior Jennifer Burklund and German foreign exchange student Oslem Irisöz spend the last few moments before band socializing. Irisöz, who lived with sophomore Liz Ancell, came to the United States in early August. She involved herself in band, basketball and the drama department. photo by Danielle Carroll





• Japanese student Chihomizukami demonstrates her calligraphy skills to fellow student Yukiko Aoki and host sister, junior Tara Guttridge. photo by Kelley Guttridge

Quotable Quotes

"America is a good place for vacation, but I like Russia for home."
Lyova Ondar, senior

"Having Alice (Cerino) stay with me wasn't uncomfortable at all. We always had something to talk about because we were both curious about each others' lives."

Lisa Musselman, junior



• • • • • While visiting America, German exchange student Hady Fink prepares schweinebraten, an ethnic evening meal, for his host parents, David and Nancy Boyd. photo by Nancy Boyd



• • • • • Russian exchange student and JV wrestler Lyova Ondar attempts to roll sophomore Jason Ceretti onto his back in practice. photo by Danielle Carroll

Freshman
 Josh
 House
 completes
 drawings of
 objects and
 dimensions in
 seventh pe-
 riod drafting.
 The class
 dealt with
 conventional
 or computer-
 aided drafting
 and design.
 photo by
 Cheryl Larson



Quotable Quotes

"I took power mechanics because I'm really into cars. I also think I might consider being a mechanic."

Jerod Hockensmith, freshmen

"I think the best part of school are the elective classes because I get to explore and create."

Ashley Sires, sophomore



Pondering what to do next, freshman Celeste Six creates images on the computer screen as a part of computer applications. "This elective class gives students more confidence in dealing with computers," said Mrs. Denise Book. photo by Missy Roberts



With the help of Mrs. Molly Lauen, sophomore Dayamy Cabreza and sophomore Ellen Bryant stir batter for churros. Making churros was part of Spanish and Mexican day. photo by Cheryl Larson



Elective classes were an alternative approach

to learning by creating, revealing and distin-

guishing...

Hidden Talents

Elective classes affected students' lives and minds in positive and not so positive ways. The classes produced some hidden talents out of students.

"Before taking foods as a class I was never really interested in cooking because I was average at it. But after doing the food labs I can whip up almost anything," said sophomore Mandy Jamison.

But not everyone realized every aspect of elective classes. "Sketching every object's dimensions and measurements isn't the easiest lesson in drafting," said freshman Matt Chatham.


Elective classes had a different routine about them. A major difference was the extensive projects and labs.

The environment of the classes also differed from typical classrooms. "When I walk into the art room all the stress and anxieties that I have vanish into thin air. When I'm into the class then it doesn't seem so boring," said sophomore Tony D'Antuono.

Time wise the classes seemed to go faster and students' attention was focused on the class and projects rather than the clock or other distractions.

"It's easier to actually do what the teacher is trying to explain rather than sitting there for the whole period. listening nonstop to a lecture that I won't even remember the next day," said sophomore Becky Sather about foods class.

Whether experiencing frustration or accomplishment the elective classes and projects made their marks on students' minds and lives. **Spread by Cheryl Larson**



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• wooden
• bat for shop
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• man J.J. Pugh
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• jects out of
• wood and
• other various
• materials.
• photo by
• Missy Roberts

Sophomores
Emilie
Houle,
David Klipec
and math
teacher Mr.
Rick Brooks
shoot a water
gun. This Alge-
bra II activity
represented
the water's arc
in a fountain.
photo by Mark
Stookey



Quotable Quotes

"In ELP Jason Meade did a project on ferrets. He brought in three ferrets and let them run around the room during his report. They all pooped in the room and Mrs. (Pam) Johnson had to clean it up."

Jim Wynn, sophomore

"The neatest project I've done so far was when our biology class went to Saylorville Lake. While we were there we went through the woods and studied how the floods of '93 had affected the land."

Jill Norviel, senior



Chemistry teacher Mr. Mike Partington gives juniors Lisa Henning and Josh Van Heukelom a sample of sodium hydroxide. In this lab students added sodium hydroxide pellets to water, and then observed whether the pellets reacted endothermically or exothermically with the water.
photo by Meghan Madagascar



In order to help their classmates better understand *The Odyssey*, freshmen Jeremy Dark, Jen Goode and sophomore Ryan Rohlf act out their parts in front of their Freshman English class. photo by Mark Stookey





During the year students

were enlightened through

group work and...

Project Presentations

As one walks through a park he/she notices a water fountain. The water streams shoot up into the air and return back into the pool. Naturally one might not connect this sight to the principles of Algebra. However, a group of Algebra II students did just this.

In this project students worked in groups and calculated the arc, velocity, minimum and maximum height and distance of a water stream. This activity taught them how to use formulas with cosines and tangents, and how to calculate equations for parabolas.

Graphing calculators aided students during this project. These calculators were used frequently in math classes to help students visualize the graph of an equation, or in this case the path of the water in a fountain. After learning how to solve problems dealing with the water fountains, students designed their own. They were drawn on paper with exact measurements of the water's arc and then presented to the class.

Besides designing fountains in math, some students in Freshman English studied Greek mythology. During class a group of students got up in front of their classmates and portrayed characters from the story. "Acting out the story was a good visual aid for me. It helped me understand the story better," said freshman Matt Schonhorst.

Presentations, experiments, and group work allowed many teachers to present material to students in an interesting manner, and make learning more enjoyable for many. **Story by Mark Stookey**

• Junior
• Brian
• Nichols
• applies glue
• to part of a
• cardboard
• tube. This
• tube was to
• be the main
• body of a
• model
• rocket that
• Nichols built
• as part of a
• physics
• project.
• photo by
• Mark
• Stookey

Studying her rocks and minerals closely, freshman Amanda Smart attempts to memorize the order of the Mohs' minerals. photo by Missy Roberts



Quotable Quotes

"Jeff Anderson was bored during a lab, and so he started to twist the faucet. Soon, a big puddle started forming. Mr. (Dennis) Briggs wasn't very happy."

Erin Russom, freshman

"Even though I have early dismissal, I choose to stay in journalism lab. It's a quiet time to edit and work on my own stories."

Beth Ann Nelson, senior



As junior newspaper staff member Matt Webster looks at the computer, senior member Riley Iverson types his next article during journalism lab. Yearbook staff members worked on their upcoming spreads in the background. Students could use this time to write, use the computers, edit and crop pictures. photo by Danielle Carroll



Working toward achieving required lab credit, juniors Bryan Burkhardt and Kristin Warren pour muddy water into their handmade water purifier. Making the project gave the students a chance to see how chemistry could relate to the real world. photo by Missy Roberts



Hands-on learning experiments

lead to new ideas, better understanding and

stabbings...

Of the Heart

"My partner and I were doing a heart lab and while we were doing it, I started poking the heart with my pen. My pen became lodged into the heart. It was definitely stuck on something, because it took a long time to get out. I ended up having to throw the pen away because it was really gross, and it had stuff hanging off it," said sophomore biology student Tim Keck.

Although not all labs ended up as his did, lessons were often learned while working on them. Labs in both science and journalism gave students a time to leave the normal structure of a book, and lead into discovering new information for themselves.

Journalism lab was a time for students to work on yearbook or newspaper. A new journalism room was an advantage over past years. "When we come to work during other class periods, we don't interrupt Ms. (Leslie) Shipp's class because there is a door separating us," said junior Mark Stookey.

While science labs had a more direct approach, they still provided the student with independent work. "In advanced biology labs, it's interesting to see how the insides of things actually work," said senior Nick Notis.

Whether used in journalism or science class, students seemed to become closer to the new material they were studying. Labs helped the students by giving them a chance to become involved with the results. **Spread by Missy Roberts**

• **P**eering through a microscope while attempting to spot an invisible organism, sophomore Tim Keck gets frustrated. In the background, sophomore Jason Schissel gives him words of wisdom.

Off-campus courses provide students with

the opportunity, challenge and diversity

necessary to...

Broaden their Horizons

Taking classes at Central Campus, Central Academy and Des Moines Area Community College provided students with opportunities, challenges and diversity not generally available at high schools. These programs allowed students to learn new languages, obtain college credit and meet people from all over the Des Moines area.

Central Campus gave juniors Matt Krejci, Blake Roth and Chad Stamps the chance to participate in the hands-on course Radio/TV and make a difference in what was on the radio. "I used to turn on the radio and I didn't like what was played," said Krejci. "Now, thanks to Radio/TV, I have my own radio show every Tuesday morning from 9 to 10."

Central Academy was a program that focused on rigorous academic courses which prepared students for college. To be accepted, applicants were required to rank in the 99th percentile on an Iowa standardized test. "At the Academy I was put into classes that were much more challenging. They will enable me to have better opportunities in college," said freshman Emile White.

Another off-campus opportunity, assisted through the Post-Secondary Options Enrollment Act, required high schools to pay for their students' attendance at a local college if the high school didn't offer the course. DMACC, the most popular post-secondary college, offered several seniors classes that ranged from General Psychology to Introduction to Office Computers to American History.

The pursuit of knowledge and diversity provided the inspiration for taking off-campus courses. **Spread by Emily Gelormino and Meghan Mandsager**

Known on
T h e
Wacky
Wednesday
Radio Show
as Dr. Pecabo
DJ Man, junior
Blake Roth
adjusts the
soundboard
at the KDPS
station. Roth
was enrolled
in Radio/TV II
at Central
C a m p u s .
photo by
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Gelormino





• Junior
• Heidi
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• and senior
• Bryan Stennes
• work together
• on a gas lab
• for their AP
• Chemistry
• class at
• Central
• Academy.
• photo by
• Emily
• Gelormino

Quotable Quotes

"Central gives me the chance to meet and talk with people from different schools from all over Des Moines. The conversations never get old."

Celeste Six, freshman

"After taking classes at Central, I hope to get involved with their career area programming where I will be able to go into depth with drafting."

Zac Parry, sophomore



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Glancing down at her book, senior Amy Myer checks to make sure she is following the instructions. Myer took Introduction to Office Computers at DMACC first semester. photo by Meghan Mandsager



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Senior Tony Gentile browses through the DMACC library in hopes of finding a research book for his American History class. Post-secondary colleges allowed high school students to take college courses and obtain credit. photo by Jared Grant

Sports



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In a meet at Urbandale High School, sophomore Sara Hill swims the 100 meter backstroke. photo by Meghan Mandsager



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Junior Tood Pembroke takes a moment to help his brother, freshman Chad Pembroke, during warm-ups before a soccer game. photo by Emily Gelormino



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Performing during halftime of a basketball game, senior Heather Zortman and sophomore Kelli Wong dance to If by Janet Jackson. photo by Tara Guttridge



valiant knights prepared during many fortnights for battles with neighboring foes who dared to challenge the Dragons. These contests of bravery and skill were held at various sites. The Dragons donned shining armor as they took to the football battlefield. Other warriors shed the protective gear and wrestled merely in singlets. Knights contested the speed and endurance of the enemies in races across the vast countryside of the kingdom and on the royal track. Even the damsels fearlessly flung cannon balls across nets onto their opponents' courts. Thanks to their valiant efforts the honor of the crown was preserved and the spirit of the Dragon lived on, allowing the townspeople to pursue other passions.....



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With a leap into the air, freshman Brent Whipps attempts to catch a football during practice. Intense drills during practice played a major role in the success of the freshman team who went undefeated with a record of 10-0. photo by Danny Bright

FLIES

and other dugout pastimes

Graduate Jeremy Rinehart tied a piece of hair around a helpless fly's legs and hung it in the dugout. Rinehart, who made first team All-Conference and was very skilled at fly-catching, earned the nickname "The Ninja." This was one of the ways that players passed the time while in the dugout.

While Rinehart practiced fly-catching, others passed the time by chewing sunflower seeds and spitting them at one another. Also, thinking up new rallies while the Dragons were losing kept players entertained as they cheered on the team.

Between having fun in the dugout and playing on the field, the Dragons tried to overcome the skepticism of many. Several people were unsure how the team would perform since they had lost quite a few key players from the previous year. "In the beginning we weren't expected to do well, but as the



• Graduate Tyson Iles looks to the dugout to get the pitching signal. Having received the signal, Iles relays it to the pitcher, graduate David Block. Block topped off his season by making first team All-Conference. photo by Mark Stookey

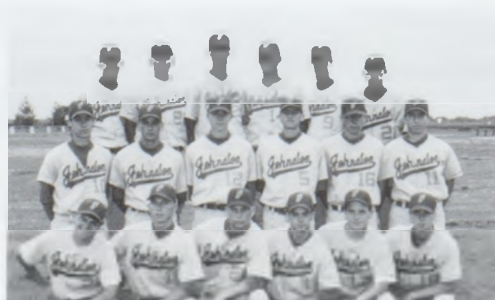
season progressed we proved our abilities," said junior Matt Kunert. After a slow start, the Dragons finished the season by claiming the conference title.

Next to winning conference, another improvement that added to the program was the new baseball field. "The best part about having a new field was playing our first

game. It was different but I didn't know what to expect, because for us there was no "home team advantage," said junior Tim Halling.

"During the season and Conference we played close to 40 games in 25 dates," said Head Coach Jim Mahoney. "Playing a lot of games in a few dates, however, didn't have any significant effect on our performance. Having many players allowed us to play several people at different positions."

As the season came to a close, the team not only had a good time winning Conference but also became closer. "The thing I liked the most about this year's team was our ability to understand one another and to stick together," said senior Aaron Vis. **Spread by Mark Stookey**



BASEBALL. Ben Carroll, Chad McFarling, Tom Caswell, David Rittgers, Andy Offenburger, Riley Phipps **ROW 2.** Jay Rice, Jay Christianson, Scott Good, Michael Landis, Blake Cruikshank, Jon Ross. **ROW 3.** Tyson Iles, Jeremy Rinehart, David Block, Lane Sires, Brent Cutler, Chad Grayson.



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 • Stookey

In the first game of the double
 header against Urbandale,
 senior Aaron Vis,
 shortstop, fields a routine ground
 ball. The Dragons won the first
 game 6-1 and lost the second
 game 9-3. Vis finished the season
 with a fielding average of .769.

photo by Mark Stookey



BASEBALL

Adel 13-9	Lincoln 9-7
Ankeny 1-5	Nevada 6-4
Atlantic 13-9	Nevada 5-4
Ballard 1-4	Norwalk 12-2
Boone 7-6	Norwalk 5-6
Boone 5-4	Pella Christian 8-2
Carlisle 1-5	Pella Christian 5-4
Carlisle 9-8	Roosevelt 0-7
Clarke 12-0	Saydel 3-2
Clarke 13-0	Saydel 4-2
Davenport Assumption 6-3	Saydel 8-5
Denison 2-3	Southeast Polk 3-4
East 4-7	Urbandale 3-9
Estherville 4-3	Urbandale 6-1
Hoover 12-5	Urbandale 7-9
Hoover 15-13	Urbandale 3-2
Hoover 7-15	Winterset 2-1
Iowa City 4-9	Winterset 1-2

Season Record 23-13



Coach Jerry Kinder calls a meeting on the pitcher's
 mound between the catcher, graduate Chad
 Grayson and the pitcher, graduate Andy
 Offenburger. Along with Offenburger, junior Jon Ross made
 second team All-Conference. photo by Mark Stookey

Graduate
 Riley
 Phipps
 easily scores
 standing up
 against
 Clarke. The
 Dragons won
 with a final
 score of 13-0.
 Phipps and
 graduate
 Tyson Iles
 made All-
 Conference
 honorable
 mention.
 photo by Mark
 Stookey



VARSITY SOFTBALL

North Polk 0-1
Southeast Polk 0-1
Winterset 1-3
Nevada 1-3
Clarke 0-1
Norwalk 2-7
Boone 3-11
Perry 2-15
Pella Christian 0-11
Waukee 10-0
Carlisle 1-2
Clarke 3-2
Southeast Polk 1-10
Winterset 5-1
Nevada 7-8
Norwalk 3-7
D.C. Grimes 11-1
Boone 2-1
Pella Christian 1-2
Carlisle 0-6

ADM 1-3
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Roosevelt 4-3
North Polk 2-7
Waukee 7-3
Pella 8-2
Southeast Polk 0-10
Prairie City-Monroe 13-0
Ottumwa 2-5
Dowling 5-8
Atlantic 7-1
Estherville 4-3
Webster City 1-3
Roosevelt 2-0
North 6-1
D.C. Grimes 8-7
Prairie City-Monroe 5-1
Indianola 4-7
Pleasantville 3-4
Ankeny 0-10

Season Record 16-24

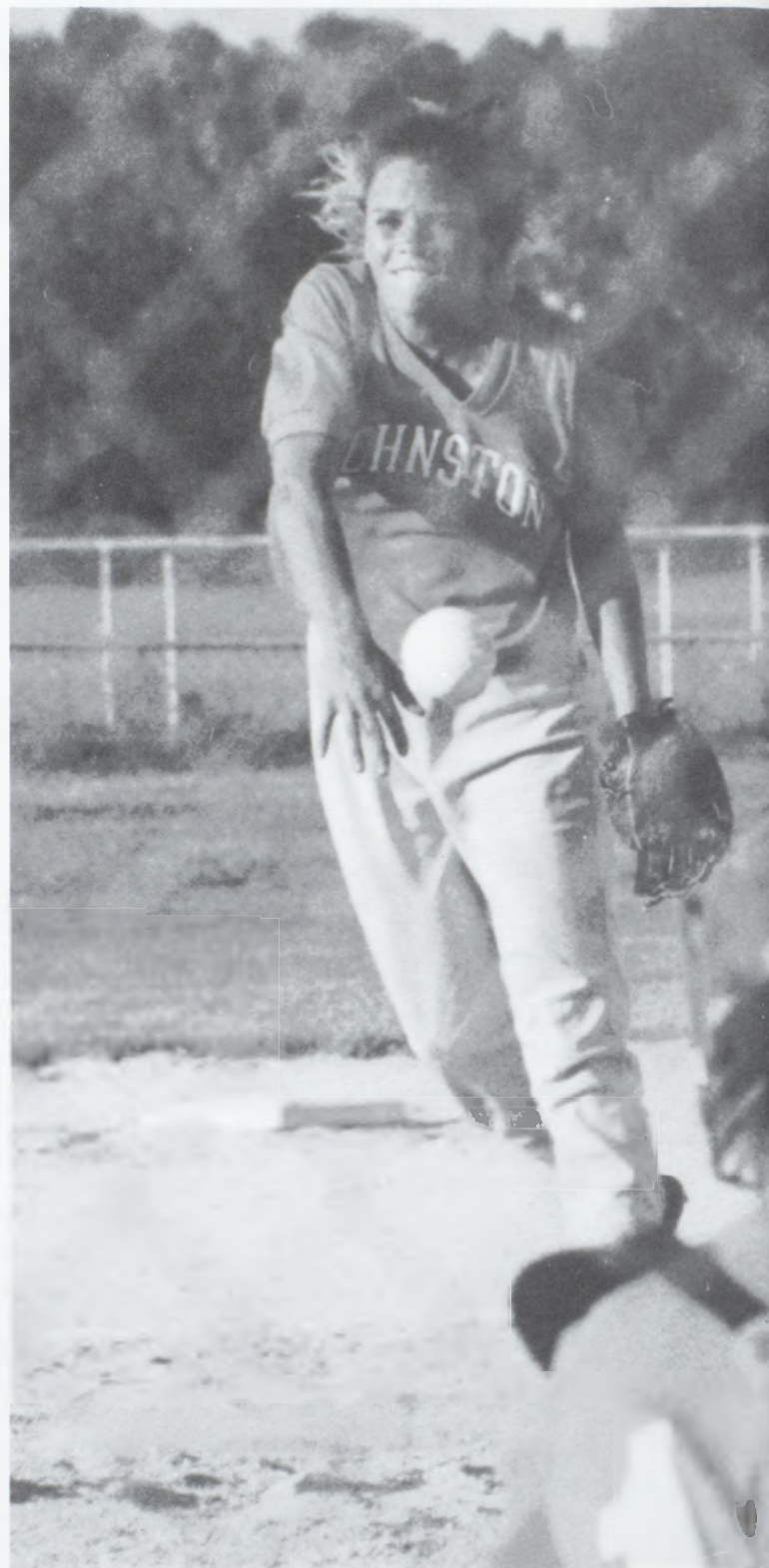


After putting down a bunt, junior Laura Block sprints to first. In the All-Conference selection Block received an honorable mention. Block played shortstop and finished the season with a .275 batting average and an on base percentage of .375. photo by Jennifer Jones

Having fielded the ball, senior Amy Myer attempts to throw out the runner at first base. Myer played second baseman and was the only senior on the team. She also had a batting average of .216 and had 15 runs batted in. photo by Jennifer Jones



Wearing her lucky hair tie, graduate Kara Barney warms up her pitching arm. Each member had their own superstitions. Barney's ticket to good luck was her hair tie. These superstitions, along with hard work and dedication, gave the softball team the second best record in Johnston girls' softball history. Barney finished the season with a .238 batting average and an ERA of 4.25. Barney also led the team with 26 runs and had an on base percentage of .390. In addition, Barney received a special mention during All-Conference selection. photo by Steve Ring



SOFTBALL. Coach Kari Babst, Crissy Hammen, Kara Barney, Jaime Johnson, Christy Jones, Amy Myer. **ROW 2.** Coach Kari Przybylski, Jill Cameron, Dana Schultz, Kellie Barney, Kelly Clarkson, Jana Yanders, Laura Block, Jenny Reed, Kyla Kiester, Christy Thies, Coach Justin Carlson. **ROW 3.** Sara Hill, Lisa Gentile, Jodee Kennel, Heather Arndt, Kate Jones.

NEW PROCEDURES

squish bugs

"Strike two!" said the umpire. Hearing the call, junior Kate Jones stepped out of the box, hit the dirt off her shoes and stepped up to the plate. As she waited for the pitch she could hear her teammates in the background reminding her to squish bugs.

"Squishing bugs meant that we should keep our back foot down and squish the bugs underneath it," said Jones.

Squishing bugs was one of the techniques Coach Kari Przybylski, the new JV coach, contributed to the team. As a former Drake softball captain, Coach Przybylski brought experience, new batting techniques and some amusement.

"Our new assistant coach had a very difficult name to pronounce. It was fun to see how the announcers at away games would pronounce it," said sophomore Kyla Kiester.

With the team sacrificing their summer to play softball, Coach Justin Carlson tried to keep the team's attitude positive. "I wanted to keep the kids as positive as they could be while still maintaining a climate of what needed to be done to win games. Overall, I thought their attitude was very good," said Carlson.

"I think the team got along well, but it was weird having seniors and eighth-graders on the same team," said sophomore Christy Thies.

Five of the 11 starters were in either eighth or ninth grade and had little or no experience at the varsity level. "The coaches took a lot of chances playing us since we were so young," said sophomore Jenny Reed.

Despite a schedule consisting of 40 games in 47 days and the problems facing a young team, the softball team pulled off big wins against rated Clarke and Ottumwa. Hard work and determination gave this softball team the second best record in Johnston softball history. **Spread by Meghan Mandsager and Steve Ring**

Graduate Jaime Johnson beats the throw to third. Johnson led the team with a batting average of .378. During the All-State selection Johnson received an elite special mention and made first team All-District. photo by Jennifer Jones



Focusing on the ball, sophomore Kyla Kiester tries to raise her batting average. In the All-State selection Kiester received elite special mention and was named to the second team All-District. Kiester also led the pitching staff with an ERA of 1.06. photo by Jennifer Jones



RENOVATION

outweighs youth

Warm-ups ended and the two teams returned to their benches. Monotone announcers read the line-up and players scurried onto the field. Spectators and players quieted as they faced the flag and placed their hands over their hearts. As "The Star-Spangled Banner" was heard throughout the stands by proud Americans, a faint rendition of "God Save the Queen" was sung on the sideline by a loyal Brit.

The soccer team's new coach, Ian Bradley, moved from England to the United States only two years ago. Having both coached and played in England, Bradley had the abilities needed to take control of the high school team and coach yet another winning season. Although at first hesitant of their abilities, Bradley found he was amazed at their strength and skill. "I didn't expect to have this good of a team since we were so young. The confidence and skill of

the freshmen and eighth-graders were a real surprise," said Bradley.

With the presence of a new coach, the soccer team took on a whole new attitude. Practices were held daily from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Discipline and techniques were stressed as was training and physical conditioning. "Coach taught us how important it



Attempting to salvage the ball, senior Aaron Toney lunges forward to keep the ball in play, as teammate sophomore Jared Grant looks on. Toney earned the People's Choice Award as "Most Valuable Player". photo by Emily Gelormino

was to be conditioned. Running three miles before practice was only our warm-up," said sophomore Chase Young.

The abilities of the JV players began to improve and by the end of the season freshmen JV players Adam Clark, Eric Peterson and Chad Pembroke began to practice and play with the varsity team. Clark said, "It was exciting to play with (Aaron) Toney, (Scott) Ebke and (Jeff) Meyers. They were the leaders of the varsity team and I looked up to them."

The youth of both the varsity and JV teams along with the needed physical conditioning, proved to be the necessary components for a winning season. **Spread by Emily Gelormino and Cheryl Larson**



VARSITY SOCCER. Alex Jeffries, Scott Ebke, Travis Schuling, Tom Myers, Matt Vannausdale, Dax Landeen, Chase Young. **ROW 2.** Coach Ian Bradley, Todd Pembroke, Andrew Meston, Aaron Toney, Eric Peterson, Jeff Meyers, Jared Grant, Jordan Boley



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VARSITY SOCCER

Southeast Polk 1-1
 Dowling 1-1
 Nevada 1-0
 Hoover 4-3
 Lincoln 1-3
 Adel-DeSoto/Minburn 10-0
 North 4-1
 Indianola 3-1
 Mason City 5-0
 Valley 1-1
 Urbandale 1-1
 Roosevelt 2-4

Season Record 6-2-4

JV SOCCER

Adel-DeSoto/Minburn 1-2
 Southeast Polk 8-0
 Dowling 0-1
 Nevada 4-0
 Lincoln 1-0
 Hoover 2-1
 Indianola 0-4
 Mason City 1-0
 Urbandale 1-1
 Valley 0-7

Season Record 5-4-1



Junior Jordan Boley maintains his line of vision as he controls the ball in a match against Nevada. The Nevada game was seized in the last minutes of the game, when graduate Scott Ebke scored a dramatic goal. photo by Emily Gelormino



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JV SOCCER. Nicole Timmins, Chris Wunder, Chad Pembroke, Alicia Rollison ROW2. James Doyle, Sean Makeef, Ken Jones, Tyler Jacobsen, Brent Routson, Eric Peterson, Brad Schonhorst ROW 3. Coach Ian Bradley, Jered Boley, Bryan Collins, Adam Soper, Brian Schock, Shannon Hildreth, Matt Schonhorst.



SURPRISES

create a changing course

"Hit! Hit! Hit! Hit it!!" carried through the crowded gymnasium at the homecoming pep assembly. Led by junior Peter Alexander, a group of twelve cross country runners surprised the student body with their unusual warm-up taken from the football team.

The team also performed the ritual before each race. "We wanted to show our manliness and make fun of the football team," said senior Alex Jeffries when asked how the warm-up began.

The boys' comraderie helped them build a strong team with members placing at every meet. The girls' team was balanced with seven runners posting times in the 13 minute range by the end of the season.

"It's harder for us because we're not like the guys, near the top, so we concentrate on competing against our own teammates," said junior Kristin Warren.



Trying desperately to keep pace, sophomore Jenny Georgen and freshman Celeste Six "kick it in" to keep from getting passed at the LHC meet. Georgen won the JV race with a time of 14 min. 10 sec. photo by Jennifer Jones

The girls' team was led by senior Elaine Jarnagin. Jarnagin, the only senior on a junior-dominated team, placed 10th in the conference by running her best time of the season, 13 minutes and 27 seconds.

"Running in 3A beefed up our schedule as we added three meets

against metro teams. It caused our runners to run more aggressively," said Coach Jim Wandro.

Their aggressiveness was evident at the Perry Invitational and at the Little Hawkeye Conference meet. The varsity boys' team won their first meet in two years at Perry. Both the girls' and the boys' teams went on to place third at the conference meet. The meet was held on their home course at Saylorville's Walnut Ridge Recreation area. Junior Matt Webster was named LHC champion after winning the varsity boys' race. Webster posted a time of 16 minutes and 30 seconds, his best time of the season. **Spread by Cody Koch and Jennifer Jones**



GIRLS' AND BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY. John Good, Jon Foley. **ROW 2.** Celeste Six, Jamie Westcott, Marie Bunce, Joann Stark, Jessie Smeltzer, Dan Kuster, Todd Bass, Erik Allison, Matt Fisher, Jennifer Georgen, Amy Brehmer, Courtney Johnson. **ROW 3.** Matt Sinnwell, Chris Kroeger, Lisa Beaman, Angie Hefner, Nicole Timmins, Sari Roarick, Kristin Warren, Katie Jacobsen, Elaine Jarnagin, Jason Brehmer, Joe Garcia. **ROW 4.** Coach Kathy Sweitzer, Coach Dave Beason, Rich Krejci, Alex Jeffries, Clint Fuller, Matt Webster, Peter Alexander, Ryan McGowan, Greg Tibboel, Bob Johnson, Head Coach Jim Wandro.



Alone
 Except
 for a few
 onlookers,
 senior Alex
 Jeffries
 treks on at
 the Ballard
 Invitational. He
 placed
 second in
 the JV
 race with a
 time of 18
 minutes
 21 seconds.
 Jeffries
 started the
 season
 three weeks
 late, but
 went on to
 earn All
 Conference
 honors with a
 12th place
 finish at the
 LHC meet.
 With
 Jeffries
 added to
 the varsity
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 capture
 third in the
 conference.
 Teammate
 junior Matt
 Webster
 was
 named
 conference
 champion
 after win-
 ning the
 boys' race.
 photo by
 Jennifer
 Jones

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Urbandale Inv. 9th
 Johnston Inv. 2nd
 Tom Karpan Inv. 6th
 Ballard Inv. 5th
 Nevada Inv. 3rd
 Perry Inv. 1st
 Indianola Inv. 10th
 Conference 3rd

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Urbandale Inv. 11th
 Johnston Inv. 4th
 Tom Karpan Inv. 7th
 Ballard Inv. 8th
 Nevada Inv. 8th
 Perry Inv. 5th
 Indianola Inv. 16th
 Conference 3rd

All-Conference Runners

Matt Webster 1st
 Rich Krejci 6th
 Alex Jeffries 12th
 Elaine Jarnagin 10th



Trying to take their minds off the upcoming race, senior Rich Krejci and junior Greg Tibboel engage in a friendly wrestling match at the Newton Invitational. "I was getting my butt kicked!" said Tibboel when asked about the match. Krejci ended the year with a sixth place finish at the conference meet. photo by Joann Stark



Turning the corner at the Little Hawkeye Conference meet, junior Kristin Warren widens the gap. Warren ran varsity for the girls' team and finished the race with a time of 13 minutes 55 seconds. Warren's time helped the girls place third at the meet. photo by Jennifer Jones

In a ritual before meets, junior Peter Alexander leads senior Rich Krejci, freshmen Kevin Anderson, Ryan McGowan, Erik Allison and Jason Brehmer, and sophomore Matt Sinnwell in warm-ups to get the blood flowing before the race. The idea was borrowed from the football team. Junior Matt Webster looks on in amusement. photo by Joann Stark



THE RECORD

doesn't say it all

Despite the fact that they were to compete in a new district, the varsity team had big expectations. Yet as the season progressed, they began to realize that the tougher teams and too many turnovers had cost them a winning record.

"Playing in the new district affected the outcome of the season quite a bit because of the really tough teams, great athletes and competition that was a lot more difficult and stronger," said Coach Garry Auxier.

Turnovers were another big reason for their lost games. The Dragons fumbled the ball 34 times to their opponents' 18. Many of the fumbles occurred when the Dragons were about to score and ended many otherwise successful drives.

Besides their high number of fumbles the varsity football team also had



• Junior Ryan Gray
• scrambles to-
• ward the side-
• lines as he strives to
• make it around the
• Carroll defender.
• Gray played the
• quarterback position.
• He completed
• 55 of 122 passing at-
• tempts, three of
• which were for
• touchdowns. photo
• by Barb Johns

several interceptions which cost them some games. The ADM game was lost in the last two minutes after an ADM player intercepted a pass and ran it back for the winning touchdown. Junior Eric Sable said, "We beat ourselves mostly because we turned the ball over when we should have scored."

In spite of their poor season record, the varsity football team continued to support and encourage each other. The hardships they suffered as a team helped them grow closer throughout the season. Senior Jon Gustason said, "We bonded together and stayed confident that we still had a chance. We didn't let each other down emotionally."

The unity of the team kept them trying their best throughout the difficulties of the season. Even though they didn't have many victories, many still felt they had a very productive season. Junior James Peterson said, "I think we were a better team than our record indicated, but sometimes things don't go your way." **Spread by Joann Stark and Barb Johns**



VARSITY FOOTBALL. Kristin McConnel, Steve Rodriguez, Jeremy Comer, Jon Gustason, Brian Schock, Jeff Foster, Christopher Stafford, Marc Gregor, Corey Dickey, Marisa Hansen. **ROW 2.** Jon French, T.J. Sciarrotta, Coach Kevin Beverage, Coach Fritz Keeling, Head Coach Garry Auxier, Coach Mike Halder, Coach Matt Hill, Coach Ed Terhune, Eric Sable, Dax Landeen. **ROW 3.** Myles Cochran, Peter Albinsson, A.J. Simpson, Tom Caswell, Mark Howieson, Brian McCleary, Brad Hartschen, Jay Christianson, Jon Ross, Brian Smith, Mike Willcox. **ROW 4.** James Doyle, Buck Olsen, Zac Christensen, Michael Bennett, Brent Cutler, Tim Rains, James Peterson, Ryan Gray, Derek Trabaugh. **ROW 5.** Ryan Maasen, Tim Hruska, John Sederwall, M.J. Martin II, Ben Six, Cory Kiper, Tanner Cain, Cody Koch, Travis Schuling.



Pushing through two defensive ADM opponents, senior Jay Christianson struggles for a first-and-ten so the varsity football team could continue its drive for a touchdown. Christianson started in the running back position for the varsity team. He averaged 6.2 yards per carry, leading the Dragons in total yards rushing. Of the varsity football team's 1126 total yards gained in rushing, Christianson amassed 433 of them. Christianson also represented the Dragons off the field as one of their team captains along with seniors Brian Smith and T.J. Sciorrotta. photo by Barb Johns

After intercepting a pass intended for the opponent, junior Jon Ross looks toward the end zone as he runs past a Jefferson-Scranton player. Ross led the Dragons in interceptions, returning four, for a total of 83 yards. photo by Barb Johns



VARSITY FOOTBALL

Grinnell 0-28
Norwalk 28-13
Boone 12-40
Carroll 0-6
Adel-DeSoto/Minburn 15-29
Webster City 7-28
Jefferson-Scranton 7-22
Nevada 43-38
Saydel 20-27

Season Record 2-7

"Not winning a single game at home was difficult; and because of that, the crowd never really got behind us during the season."

Mike Willcox, junior



Grabbing hold of an ADM player, junior M.J. Martin II refuses to let go as he struggles to take down his opponent. Although he also played wide receiver, Martin's specialty was playing cornerback on the defense. He generated 20 tackles and assisted in 39 others. photo by Barb Johns



Senior Brad Hartschen races through the open field during the game against Carroll. With a total of 253 yards rushing in his 49 attempts, Hartschen averaged 5.2 yards per carry. photo by Barb Johns

MEASURING success in wins

Success. Although it is thought of as a relative term, the success of the freshman and sophomore football teams was in winning. Between both the freshman and sophomore teams only one game was lost.

The attributes of the success differed though. Coach Jerry Stratton said of his freshmen players, "Two of the factors that stand out as to why this team had such a great year was because of their dedication in the weight room and some of their best competition was in their own practices."

Sophomore Jason Ceretti credited the coaches with the accomplishments of their team. "Coach (Brad) Johnson and (Ted) Christensen were great. The communication we had with them helped us, especially one-on-one. We didn't have to be afraid to ask what we were doing wrong. They were always willing to answer our questions when we didn't know what we were supposed to be doing."



• **S**ophomore Ryan Ruisch maintains his balance as two North players drive him in the opposite direction. Ruisch played wide receiver and had a total of 16 receptions. He also had a total of 363 yards receiving. photo by Danny Bright

The sophomores also dealt with various injuries ranging from ankles to small cuts and bruises. Their performance on the field was directly affected by these. At many points throughout the season positions were exchanged and sacrifices were made for the absence of the hurt players. "When everyone was hurt we had to be able to play a lot of different positions," said sophomore Ryan Roeth. "In a couple games we didn't have our two star players so we had to work harder in practice to be able to play as well in the games."

Despite the small inconvenience of injuries the freshman team pulled off yet another undefeated season. The sophomore team lost only their last game to Nevada. **Spread by Danny Bright and Danielle Carroll**

The only downfall of the season appeared in the form of injuries. The freshmen had four major injuries including two broken arms. Freshman Matt Chatham, hurt in mid-season, said of his broken arm, "It kind of made me mad because I didn't get to finish the season and that run was my first run."



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL. Manager Amy Martens. Ryan Hulsebus, David Petithory, Billy Tiernan, Micah Sturdevant, Tyler Jacobsen, manager Katie McClure. **ROW 2.** Joe Hockett, Ryan Kirkpatrick, Jason Timmons, Coach Jerry Stratton, Coach Frank Baltzley, Jared Clark, Adam Foster, Jeremy Dark. **ROW 3.** Jake Lohr, Seth Elliot, Nate Lamb, Nathan Krofta, Adam Nieting, Troy Hansen, Kevin Purl, Dave Gray, Matt Chatham. **ROW 4.** Jeremiah Pugh, Brent Whipps, Bryan Collins, Kristofer Logue, Kevin Burpee, Jeff Anderson, Adam Davis, Brad Sewell, Adam Clark. **ROW 5.** Chad Larson, Eric Peterson, Nick Parenza, Jed Schmidt, Charles Terhune, Shawn Larson, Justin Crowdis, Tim Hartschen, Andy Willson, Jerod Hockensmith.



After snagging a pass, freshman Tim Hartschen is apprehended by freshman John Anderson during an after-school practice. In addition to the drilling, the practices included training in the weight-room. The team practiced not only physically but mentally, especially during the motivational meetings scheduled before each home game. The team convened the night of the game to get pumped up and mentally prepare themselves.

photo by
Danny Bright

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL

North	38-22	Grinnell	24-14
Norwalk	32-6	Norwalk	19-0
Boone	24-20	Saydel	36-14
Carroll	23-0	Boone	48-28
Winterset	24-14	North	32-0
ADM	40-18	ADM	22-6
Grinnell	28-21	Carroll	34-6
Jefferson-Scranton	22-8	Nevada	8-14
Nevada	48-6		
Saydel	32-6		

Season Record 10-0

"Once, Brent (Whipps) hit the opponent so hard you could hear it ringing. The power of the hit was awesome."
Adam Nieting, freshman



Getting into his stance, freshman Andy Willson prepares to enter the blocking chute as fellow freshmen teammates Chad Larson and Adam Davis await their turn. The blocking chute was designed to improve the stance and form of the lineman. The players needed to stay low in order to avoid hitting their heads. photo by Danny Bright



• **M**ending an injured appendage, sophomore Coach Brad Johnson and freshman Manager Katie McClure quickly come to the aid of sophomore Keith Hoppe. During a tackle at the Norwalk game, Hoppe reopened a previous wound but returned to the full-back position after Johnson wrapped his hand. photo by Danny Bright

SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL. Daniel Brown, Brendan Mahoney, Dan Sundblad, Brian Wattie, Dallas Hampton, Ryan Rohlf. **ROW 2.** Ryan Roeth, Tom Myers, Jason Ceretti. Coach Ted Christensen, Manager Diane Lindhoff. Coach Brad Johnson, Nick Nichols, Shaun Riley, B.J. Knapp. **ROW 3.** Chase Young, Keith Hoppe, Adam Fausch, Ryan Ruisch, Casey Hansen, Chris Willems, Kevin Goering. **ROW 4.** Bill Freeman, Ken Jones, Kevin Shafer, Markus Oiler, Tim Kech, Troy Clarkson.



NEW STRATEGIES bring success

It was the beginning of a new era, a new coach and new attitudes. With more self-discipline and team unity, the varsity volleyball team renewed the desire to play and win. "We wanted to clean the slate and build a new reputation for the team," said senior Kris Tedesco. "We wanted to show everyone we were a decent team."

The team jumped from eighth to fifth in the conference. "I received many compliments on our improvements from other coaches and officials," said new coach Rick Brooks.

Brooks changed the format of practices. In mid-August the girls began practicing twice a day to condition and become reacquainted with volleyball. At the first practice Brooks handed out a list of expectations. The list included guidelines on attitude, teamwork and playing. It proved to be helpful to the

team. "The summer practices were more intense," said junior Anne Mullenix. "We set high goals for the team and developed a positive outlook for the season."

Midway through the season the new practice format focused more on scrimmaging. Real game situations were incorporated into the practices following the work on fundamentals



• **S**enior Libby Herrmann stretches to pass the volleyball as senior Amy Myer backs her up during a home match against Nevada. Herrmann, a co-captain, started and played left-side hitter for the varsity team. photo by Barb Johns

such as serving, setting, passing and hitting. "Because we competed against each other, we improved individually. Eventually we worked better together in games," said senior Amanda Gardner.

The team came together for their toughest matches. "The game against Pella Christian was the best we had played in two years," said senior Libby Herrmann. "It was a really tough battle and we had to fight for a win. We lost the final game 12 to 15."

Though they didn't always win, the varsity volleyball team began anew. They had turned the odds around and won some games in the process. **Spread by Danielle Carroll and Tara Guttridge**



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL. Laura Block, Carli Hansen, Libby Herrmann, Lisa Shanley. **ROW 2.** Anne Mullenix, Kris Tedesco, Amanda Gardner, Amy Myer, Kari Tank. **ROW 3.** Christine Natis, Stephanie Sowers, Coach Rick Brooks, Jennifer Jones, Alyssa Friedow.



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• **L**ending a hand, junior Laura
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VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Valley 1-1	Season Record 11-12-2
East 0-2	
Winteret 0-2	
Ames 1-2	
Boone 2-1	
Pella Christian 0-3	
Carlisle 3-0	
G-Park Baptist 1-2	
Carlisle 3-0	
Oskaloosa 0-2	
Southeast Polk 1-2	
Clarke 3-2	
Districts-Roosevelt 2-3	
Ballard 3-1	
North 3-0	
Winteret 0-3	
Nevada 1-3	
Ballard 0-2	
G-Park Baptist 0-2	
Colo-Nesco 2-0	
Norwalk 0-3	
Saydel 1-1	
Newton 1-1	
Eddyville 2-0	
North 2-0	
D.C. Grimes 2-0	
Boone 3-2	



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 In a home game against Carlisle, senior Kari Tank success-
 fully bumps the ball over the net. Tank played left-side
 hitter, subbing in for senior Amanda Gardner who played
 back-row setter. photo by Tara Guttridge



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HANGIN' OUT in our undies

They spent the season hanging out- not just the girls' freshman and JV volleyball teams, but their underwear also. This was a result of the new freshman uniforms- "bunhuggers." "They're very comfortable," said freshman Kelly Sloan, "The only problem is that my underwear always hangs out."

Freshman Sarah Batchelder said of the leg-revealers, "Everyone was embarrassed to wear them at first, but now we just strip! They're definitely better than shorts 'cause you don't have to pull them up all the time."

Whether the uniforms helped or not, the freshman volleyball team placed first in all three of their tournaments, and finished with six wins in conference play and only one loss, to Pella Christian. "We were missing our strongest players at Pella Christian," said Coach Kari Staack. "The tables would have been turned if we would have had the entire roster."



Keeping her eyes on the ball, sophomore Kyla Kiestler prepares to return the opponent's serve. Kiestler played middle hitter for the JV team and also suited and practiced with varsity throughout the season. photo by Kris Tedesco

The JV team also fared well, undefeated in conference play with a 7-0 record. "The best game was the one against Pella Christian," said Coach Pam Boland. "This being my first year here, I didn't realize what an accomplishment it was to beat them. Anne Mullenix came up to me afterward and said, 'Congratulations, Coach, we're

the first JHS team to beat Pella Christian.' That was great."

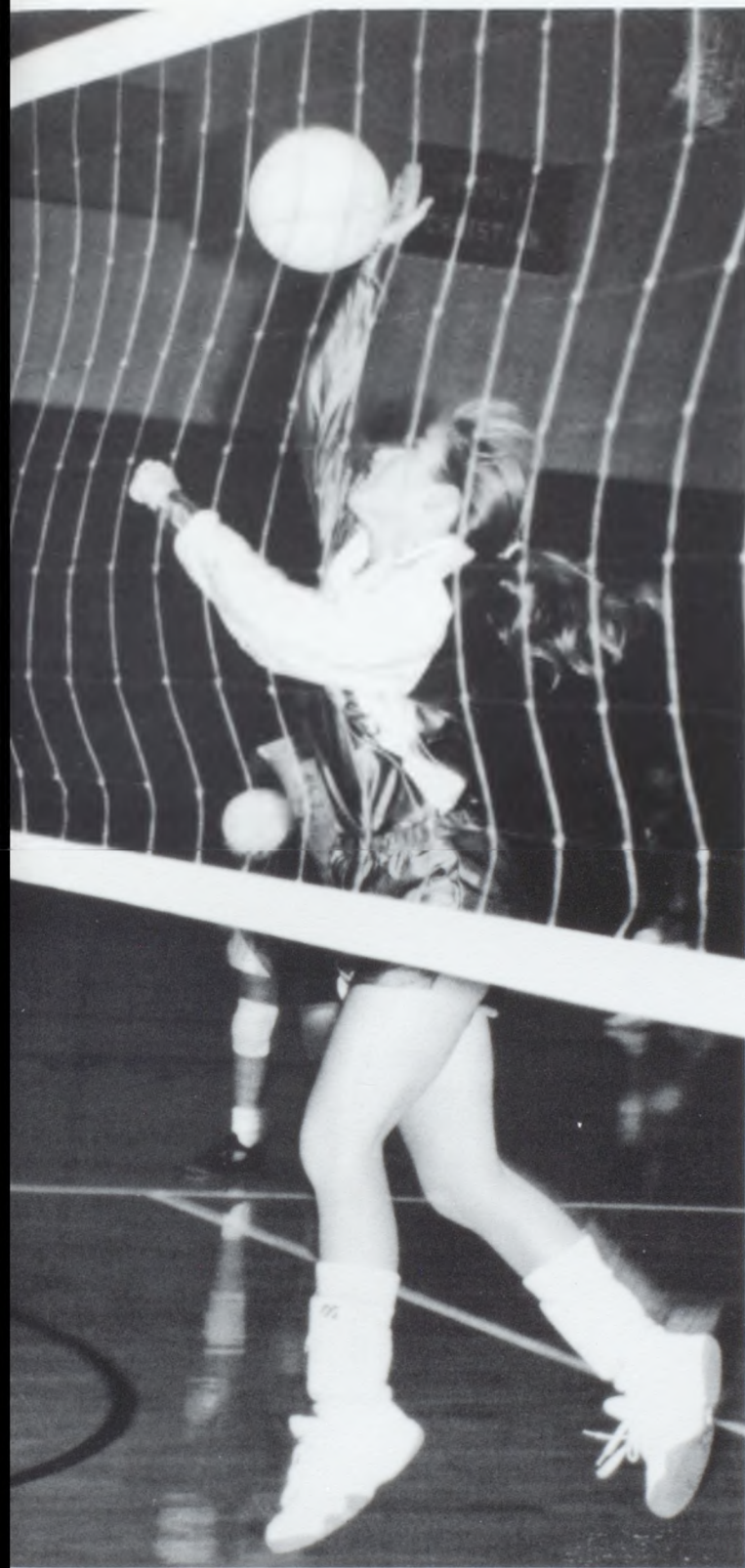
Sophomore Amber Petersen said, "We actually had goals to accomplish- not just to win, but to work hard and do a good job." After the work was done, the team spent time with their new coach.

"Coach related well with us. She listened to our problems and helped us to get along well," said sophomore Jenny Hunter.

"She was fun," said junior Kate Jones. "When we'd get in the huddle, we'd all be serious. She would say something to make us laugh, and that helped us play better. The best part was she wasn't just a coach, but a friend that we could hang out with." **Spread by Matt Simpson and Kris Tedesco**



JV VOLLEYBALL. Brandi Shelby, Sarah Nicholas, Kellie Barney, Paige Stover, Kyla Kiestler, Kirsten Angstrom **ROW 2.** Jenny Hunter, Angie Weis, Anne Mullenix, Morgan Cavanaugh, Jane Yanders, Kate Jones, Jane Zirkelbach **ROW 3.** Alyssa Friedow, Christine Notis, Coach Pam Boland, Becky Miller, Casey Abler.



• Flying high, sophomore Sarah Nichols reaches high over the net to slam the volleyball, set by teammate and junior Anne Mullenix. Nichols, a new addition to the school and the team, started throughout the season for the junior varsity team. "This year was my first year playing volleyball," said Nichols. "I had to learn the correct way to spike and everything, but it wasn't that hard to pick up. After a few games I was starting and playing all the way around." photo by Kris Tedesco

JV VOLLEYBALL

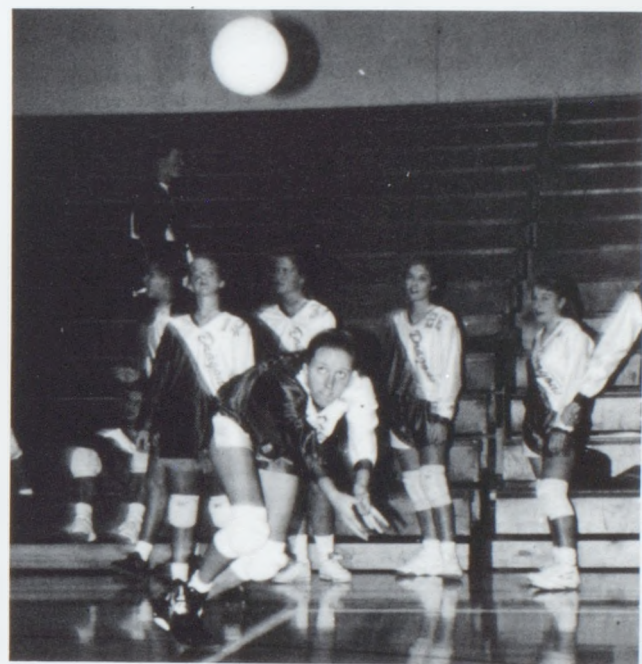
Ballard 2-0
 North 2-0
 Winterset 2-0
 Saydel Inv. 2nd
 Nevada 2-0
 Norwalk 2-0
 Boone 2-0
 Pella Christian 2-0
 Oskaloosa Inv. 3rd
 Carlisle 2-1
 Johnston Inv. 1st
 Clarke 2-0

Season Record 9-0

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

Ballard 2-0
 North 2-0
 Boone Inv. 1st
 Pella Christian 0-2
 Carlisle 2-0
 Winterset 1-1
 Nevada Inv. 1st
 Boone 2-0
 Nevada 2-0
 Clarke 2-0
 Carlisle Inv. 1st
 Norwalk 2-0

Season Record 7-1-1



Sophomore Alyssa Friedow dives for the ball during a warm-up drill before a game against Carlisle. This was one of the three home games of the season. photo by Kris Tedesco



During practice, freshman Shelly Nissen works on perfecting her spike for an upcoming match with Norwalk. The freshman team ended the season with a 6-1 record in conference play, losing only to Pella Christian. photo by Matt Simpson

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL. Erin Flynn, Shauna Weep, Kellie Greiner, Tara Lashley, Shelby Weep. **ROW 2.** Jessica Way, Heidi Kiester, Sarah Batchelder, Dana Schultz, Sharon Ehm, Shelly Nissen. **ROW 3.** Tonya Riley, Theresa Timmins, Coach Kari Staack, Tammy Walz, Jen Goode, Anne Sciorratta, Kelly Sloan.



GIRLS' SWIMMING

Newton 111-68
Lincoln 134-51
Ankeny 111-69
Mason City 84-99
Dowling 82-103
Valley 67-116
Fort Dodge 96-87
Marshalltown 67-119
Ames 108-72

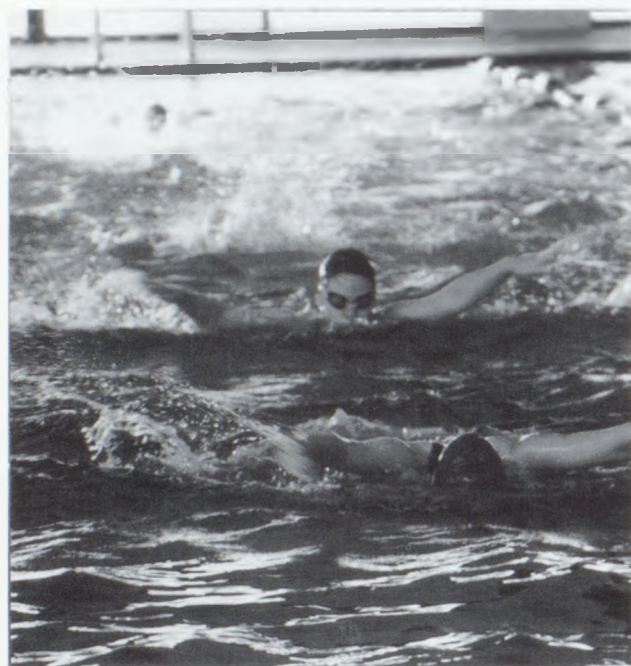
Season Record 5-4

BOYS' SWIMMING

Ames 57.5-111.5
Fort Dodge 73-97
Lincoln 118-72
Newton 98-72
Indianola 113-54
Dowling 61-109
Mason City 38-56
Valley 90-80
Marshalltown 109-61

Season Record 5-4

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"They couldn't really show you how to dive. You just had to jump off the board and hope you were doing it like they were instructing you."
Kelly Angstrom, sophomore



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Sophomore Missy Roberts and Urbandale teammate, freshman Daisy Lemke, swim in line as they practice their butterfly stroke. Strengthening their skills occupied three and a half hours each weekday. photo by Emily Gelormino

Careful not to cross the black magic marker lines senior Bob Johnson shaves his legs to prepare for district competition. Johnson said, "Shaving helped to reduce drag and swim faster." At districts, Johnson earned fourth place in the 100 meter breaststroke and first place in the 200 meter medley relay. photo by Meghan Madagascar



The day before districts sophomore Sean Flannery focuses on having the perfect start for his 200 meter free relay. In addition to pool practice, Flannery also prepared for districts out of the water. Flannery, along with the other members of his relay, shaved their heads, arms and legs. At districts Flannery's relay earned first place and advanced to state. At the state meet Flannery finished fourth place in his 200 meter free relay and seventeenth place in his 400 meter free relay. photo by Meghan Madagascar



GIRLS' SWIMMING. Jacquie Harrison, Angie Rittgers, Kelsi Michael, Lisa Stradley, Missy Roberts, Lisa Gentile, Lyna Milbrandt, Kelly Angstrom, Sarah Parks. **ROW 2.** Sara Glasgow, Sara Hill, Lanie Smith, Erin Casey, Jenny Reed, Jennifer Weaver, Julie Owen, Sara Myer, Susan Woodhouse, Cali McCune, Daisy Lemke, Jodi Hill, Korry Jenkins. **ROW 3.** Rachel Broek, Emily Skow, Michelle Perpich, Laurel Erikson, Assistant Coach Jennifer Webster, Coach Shari Walling, Coach Jay Schelin, Manager Tyler Buitenwerf, Jenny Lund, Julia Wille, Chris Timmerman, Erin Wignall.

PRACTICES

go to extremes

"Br-r-r-ing!" For most, the sound of the alarm clock at 5:00 a.m. wasn't a welcoming sound. Weary swimmers stumbled out of bed in the wee hours of the morning to arrive at Urbandale pool by 5:30 a.m. Here, turns, techniques and relay starts were improved as they started their hour and a half practice.

Members of the boys' team went to great lengths to make their season a success. In addition to their three and a half hours in the pool, swimmers lifted weights and did exercises specifically designed to produce successful swimmers. By the time district competition arrived, they were in top condition.

Swimmers took many steps to shave the extra tenths of a second and get an edge over the competition. Many shaved their arms, legs and head along with wearing paper suits to reduce drag. "For the state meet we had to buy paper suits that were too small. It was really funny to see everyone try to squeeze into their suit," said sophomore Josh Fausch.

Practices proved helpful for the girls' team too as they achieved a winning record and advanced to the state meet held in Fort Dodge. Before bedtime the girls gathered in their hotel rooms to finally shave their legs while Coach Shari Walling read them *Politically Correct Bedtime Stories* and prepared fajitas. "Angie (Rittgers) always had to have fajitas before she swam in a meet, so Shari made us some for good luck," said junior Emily Skow.

Despite differences in their preparations, when accompanied with hard work the teams accomplished their goal by each placing third at districts and advancing to state competition. Upon the girls earning fourth in state with the boys following in seventh place, most agreed that the extreme measures of cutting times and long hours of practicing paid off. **Spread by Emily Gelormino and Meghan Madagascar**

Gliding underwater in practice, junior Jodi Hill practices her flutter kick. "We were always tired at morning practices, so we sang songs like *Zip-a-h-dee-doo-dah* and *Singin' in the Rain* to wake us up," said Hill. photo by Emily Gelormino



BOYS' SWIMMING. Nathan Nelms, Nick Stravers, Kevin McConnell, Matt Chadwich, Erik Johnson, Mike Hicklin, Troy Smith, Anson Williams, Sam Burkett, Josh Fausch, Tyler Bultenwerf, Andy Petersen, Sean Flannery, Brandon Williams. **ROW 2** John Glidewell, Tim Hegwood, Bob Johnson, Doug Owen, Ryan Randolph.



TIP-TOEING

with toilet tissue

Stealthily creeping around at night may not have been how cheerleaders planned to spend Thursday evening, October 13. They teepeed the football players to pump them for the homecoming game. Little did they know they would be caught for this illegal activity. "A cop lived next door to Ryan Gray and came over when we were teepeeing," said junior Amanda Fisher. "We told him we were the Johnston cheerleaders and that we had permission. He asked us for identification, told us it was too late and that we had to leave."

Besides attending games and pep assemblies, cheerleaders made goodie bags, baked treats and painted banners. They planned gifts for senior night and they also made numerous locker signs quoting slogans such as "Confound Carlisle" and "Beat the Bears." "Making locker signs got old after a while," said sophomore basketball cheerleader Krista Jackson. "It was fun

making up new ideas. Then we started making funny ones that went on forever like 'Kick him into the field so they will never get up again and they will lose.'"

A new addition to varsity basketball cheerleading was the use of three male cheerleaders: junior M.J. Martin II and seniors Jay Christianson and T.J. Sciorrotta. They



• **P**erforming "If"
• by Janet Jackson, sophomore Emily Brown,
• senior Lindsey Fisher and junior
• Dani Williams dance at a basketball game. Pom Squad received a rating at the state competition.
• photo by Tara Guttridge

were used as bases in stunts and for basket tosses. However, due to tournament limits, they were unable to cheer at State.

Pom squad members' time was consumed with practices and the state competition. Spending so much time together caused much fighting among the members. "State brought us close," said junior Dani Williams. "We were so close that we fought like brothers and sisters. We fought about little things like what we were going to wear and what move was right."

When the season ended, cheerleaders and pom squad members were proficient in dealing with the authorities, family feuding and washing marker-stained fingers. **Spread by Tara Guttridge**



FRESHMAN CHEERLEADING. Shelby Sleep, Marcia Mattern, Lisa DeFigueiredo, Melissa Mattern, Heather Rains, Jen Goode. **ROW 2.** Erin O'Brien, Jessica Leleudecker, Jodi Peitzman, Leah Anderson, Suzanne Clarksena, Amanda Willcox, Rachel Webster, Leah Rutherford.



• Sophomore Kelly Angstrom, junior Kristy Wilges and seniors Heather Wheeler and Danielle Willey cheer on the wrestlers with the cheer *Big G, Little O* at a Valley meet. Wrestling cheerleaders spent their Saturdays at many all day tournaments, pounding on the mats and bringing goodie bags. "Saturdays were fun but tiring," said Angstrom. "Clarinda was the longest because it was so far away. We had to drive two hours to get there." photo by Tara Guttridge

Lifting up junior Lisa Musselman, varsity football cheerleaders pep the crowd at the homecoming assembly. Cheerleaders performed a stunt show, cheers, the fight song and helped with skits at the assembly. An overnight sleepover was held the week before homecoming to learn cheers and make posters and banners. photo by Steve Ring



VARSITY CHEERLEADING. Anne Mullenix, Tara Guttridge, Kristy Wilges, Danielle Willey, Heather Wheeler, Kelly Angstrom **ROW 2.** Kelli Wong, Amanda Fisher, Heather Zortman, Shannon Fisher, Wendi Collins, Emilie Houle.



POM SQUAD. Emilie Houle, Shannon Fisher, Heather Zortman, Holly Susic, Jenna Logan, Emily Brown. **ROW 2.** Kelli Wong, Lisa Shanley, Libby Herrmann, Kristy Wilges, Amanda Fisher, Amanda Coates.

JV CHEERLEADING. Ashley Sires, Jessica Berens, Lisa Gentile, Jamie Mai, Brooke Miller, Amanda Coates. **ROW 2.** Whitney Mercer, Krista Jackson, Alicia Baumgarn, Mandy Jamison, Gina Porto, Emily Brown, Jenna Logan.



ATTITUDE

makes all the difference

In their second year after changing from six on six to five on five, the varsity girls' basketball team was still working out some kinks, such as injuries.

"The changeover is still evident. We still had three or four kids this year that struggled offensively, but this may be the last year we account for that," said Coach Justin Carlson.

Along with that challenge, the team had to deal with the loss of starting guard junior Lisa Shanley, who suffered a knee injury early in the season. She was leading the team in assists at the time of her injury.

"We were disappointed that she got hurt, but everybody bounced back and kept playing hard," said junior guard Alicia Rollison, who took Shanley's place after her injury and led the team in steals with 60.



• **T**rying to stop her opponent from scoring, senior Elaine Jarnagin shuffles her feet while putting pressure on the ball during a substate game against Dowling. Jarnagin was second on the team in steals with 29 for the year. photo by Matt Simpson

They rebounded with the help of a new positive attitude. It was a welcome addition to the varsity girls' basketball team after last year's mid-season disputes and this season's setbacks.

Carlson said, "This year's team, attitude wise, was the best I've coached at Johnston. All the kids were very positive and we had a

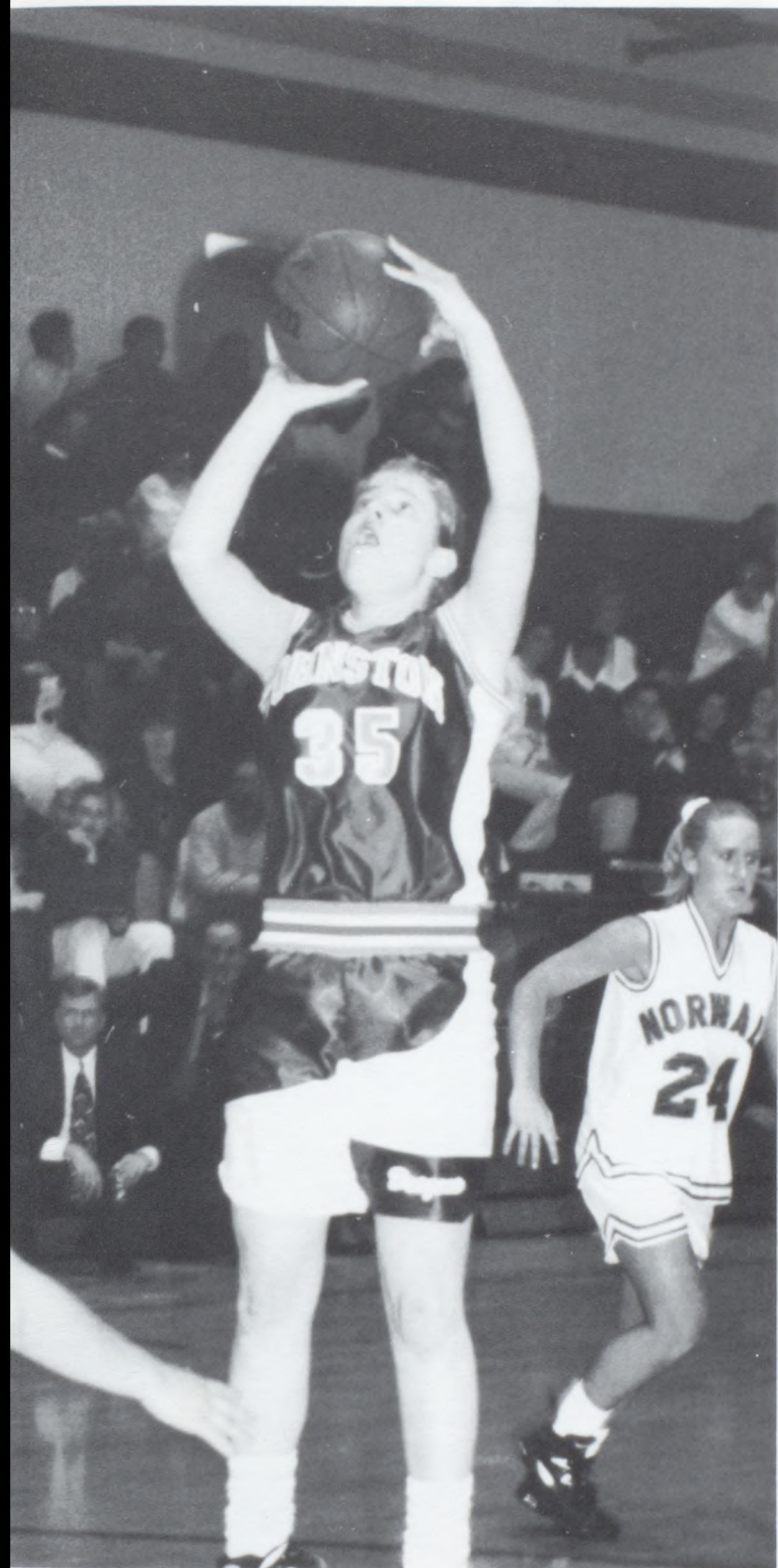
great group of seniors to work with. The talent level was also very high."

One of those seniors, center Sarah Schoper, also liked the change. "The attitude this year was so much better than in previous years. Everybody wanted to win. It was fun," said Schoper.

That new attitude helped the team to an 11-11 record. They also won in the first game of Districts during a season that had its ups and downs. One highlight was a 50-44 win in overtime at Clarke breaking their 35 game home winning streak. Through all the highs and lows the team managed to keep things in perspective and experienced something that was absent from previous seasons—fun. **Spread by Matt Simpson**



VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL. Laura Block, Carri Hansen, Amy Myer, Jennifer Jones, Alicia Rollison, Elaine Jarnagin **ROW 2,** Coach Justin Carlson, Megan Little, Sarah Schoper, oslem Irioz, Lisa Shanley, Jenn Heinen, Coach Jim Wandro.



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After grabbing a rebound, junior Laura Block starts the fastbreak on the dribble. Block played guard and had one of the top field goal percentages on the team making 52 of 111 shots for 47 percent. Block was also the third leading scorer with 126 points averaging 6.6 points per game. photo by Matt Simpson



VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Urbandale 54-45	Clarke 50-44
Cedar Rapids-Jefferson 47-46	Norwalk 42-33
North 68-61	Nevada 38-45
Pella Christian 41-43	Pella Christian 36-50
Carlisle 44-50	Carlisle 42-44
Waukee 58-36	Winterset 44-52
Winterset 45-27	Boone 37-41
Boone 67-37	Clarke 48-52
Dallas Center-Grimes 29-49	Nevada 43-33
Pella 32-52	Norwalk 40-39

Districts
 North 65-45
 Substate
 Dowling 43-63

Season Record 11-11



Pushing the ball upcourt, senior Carri Hansen is pressured from behind by a Dowling opponent during a substate game. Hansen led the team in scoring with a 10.3 points per game average. Hansen also won the team's "Most Valuable Player" and "Offensive Player of the Year" awards. photo by Matt Simpson



Rising above the defense, senior center Sarah Schoper takes a jumpshot. Schoper had 74 blocks which placed her fourth in the state and also earned her the team's "Defensive Player of the Year" award. She was the second leading rebounder with 126 and is the all-time rebounding leader with 337. photo by Matt Simpson

CONSISTENCY

leads to successful season

While the freshman girls' basketball team lost two players this year, they kept one team member usually lost after each season; their coach. After coaching the team last year, Coach Rick Flatt moved to the high school with the group.

"It really helped having me move up with the team. The consistency helped us early in the season to be prepared," said Flatt.

Freshman Tammy Walz said, "We didn't have to start over. He already knew who played where and what we had to work on. We didn't have to start fresh."

The two players lost were freshmen Dana Schultz and Kelli Brown who moved up to the sophomore team.

"It motivated us," said freshman Erin Flynn. "It helped us to know we

could win even if they weren't there." That motivation produced a record-breaking season for the freshmen. After losing their first game to Nevada by two, they won 17 straight games including a 27 point victory the second time over Nevada. Their record of 17-1 was the best record for any freshman girls' team to ever go through Johnston.



• **R**eacting to a ballfake, freshman Kelly Clarkson moves her feet to prevent her Carlisle opponent from scoring. Clarkson played point guard for the freshman team and was at one of the wing position on the zone. photo by Matt Simpson

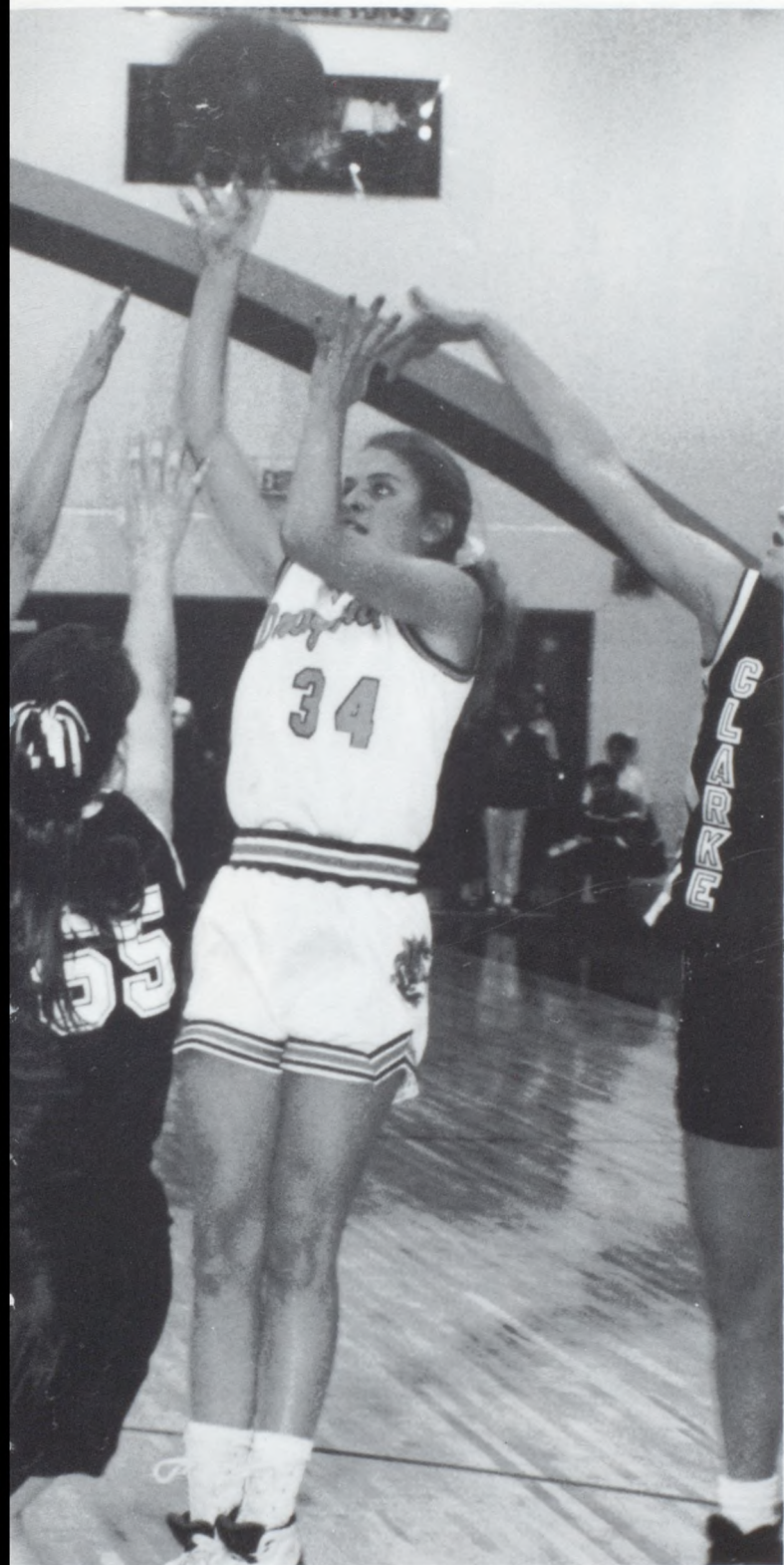
The sophomore team enjoyed much of the same success the freshmen had, winning 10 of their last 12 games. The sophomores had only six members returning. With the two freshmen moving up and sophomore Kristin Sorrels moving from Texas the team had to find a way to help the newcomers blend in.

Coach Rick Rynning said, "It was probably tough for the freshmen to jump from eighth grade to basically JV competition, but it was a good experience for them. I think the kids handled it quite well."

Sophomore Alyssa Samuelson said, "The six that kept playing had been playing together for a long time and the three new members seemed to fit in well and we all worked well together as a team." **Spread by Matt Simpson**



FRESHMAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL. Heidi Klester, Kelly Clarkson, Erin Flynn, Shauna Sleep. **ROW 2.** Coach Rick Flatt, Tammy Walz, Sarah Batchelder, Kellie Greiner, Celeste Six, manager Sharon Ehm, Theresa Timmins, Kate Vocolka, Kelli Dennis, manager Anne Sciorrotta.



• Freshman Dana Schultz drives to the hoop for a jumpshot while under pressure from three defenders during a 51-40 triumph over Clarke. Schultz was one of two freshmen moved up to the sophomore squad. She started at forward and was one of the leading scorers and rebounders. She averaged 12.7 points per game in helping the team to a 10-4 record in conference play and a 14-7 record overall. "It wasn't really hard to fit in because I had already played with some of the girls in softball before and I knew them from that," said Schultz. photo by Matt Simpson

FRESHMAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL SOPHOMORE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

East 46-16
 Roosevelt 82-21
 Nevada 41-43
 North Polk 58-24
 Ames 59-26
 Pella Christian 58-38
 Carlisle 71-21
 Winterset 67-25
 Clarke 45-14
 Boone 60-26
 Norwalk 59-25
 Nevada 54-27
 Pella Christian 49-36
 Carlisle 47-23
 Winterset 59-36
 Boone 66-33
 Clarke 63-16
 Norwalk 56-38
 Season Record 17-1

East 39-19
 Roosevelt 33-51
 North 36-35
 Marshalltown 33-51
 Pella Christian 49-51
 Carlisle 19-15
 Winterset 57-47
 Pella 35-39
 Hoover 26-37
 Clarke 36-31
 Boone 47-27
 Norwalk 35-51
 Nevada 51-29
 Nevada 34-28
 Pella Christian 33-54
 Carlisle 25-17
 Winterset 50-39
 Boone 51-20
 Clarke 51-40
 Hoover 55-52
 Norwalk 42-21
 Season Record 14-7



Battling against a full court press, sophomore Christy Thies protects the ball as she pushes it up the court. Thies was one of six sophomores to return from last year's freshman group. Thies started at point guard and helped the group win 10 out of its last 12 games. She averaged 8.9 points per game. photo by Matt Simpson



Jumping high to defend an inbound pass, freshman Kelli Dennis uses her outstretched hand to deflect the ball. Dennis started at center and she also played the front position on the full court press which created many steals for the freshman team. The press was a key part of the team's record-breaking 17 wins. photo by Matt Simpson

SOPHOMORE GIRLS' BASKETBALL. Lisa Gentile, Jana Yanders ROW 2. Kristin Sorrells, Lauren Pendergraft, Alyssa Samuelson, Christy Thies ROW 3. Paige Stover, Kyla Klester, Sara Hill, Jill Cameron, Kelli Brown, Dana Schultz.



TEAM UNITY

yields 50 straight

Even at the beginning of the season Head Coach Frank Sanders had goals set for the team to accomplish. "Be humble, play together and have fun," Sanders said during a meeting with his players.

"Part of the reason that we won so many games was because we respected each opponent and their ability to beat us so much that we would prepare so well for every game," said senior Matt Sundblad.

The Dragons were ranked number one throughout the entire season. They were untouchable winning all of their regular season games including ones against Hoover and 4A champion Ankeny.

Much credit for the winning was given to the two returning starters, Sundblad and senior Chris Danner; but team unity was key in many of their victories. This was especially evident during their win against Ankeny. The



• **A**fter struggling for an offensive rebound, senior Jeff Fisher gets ready to take it up strong. Fisher elevated his game and had 17 points, six rebounds and one dunk in the final state tournament game against MOC-Floyd Valley. photo by Steve Ring

Dragons were ahead by two points with 12 seconds left when senior Aaron Vis received a pass from Sundblad and hit a basket to seal the victory. "We played so well together as a team that if our opponent concentrated too much on one player then someone else would step up," said junior starter Jon Ross.

Pulling together, the Dragons headed to the state tournament after defeating Clarke 79-45 in substate play. Fairfield was Johnston's first opponent and with the help of a 19-0 run during the second quarter, the Dragons coasted to victory. During the next game the Dragons had Carroll Kuemper playing catch-up as they outscored the Knights 20-5 in the first quarter and advanced to the championship game against MOC-FV of Orange City.

In hopes of a repeat, the Dragons exploded with 58 first half points leaving MOC-FV with a 30 point deficit at half-time. During the second half, Floyd Valley cut the lead down to 13 points twice but Johnston pulled away and won their second consecutive title, 95-78. **Spread by Steve Ring**



VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL. Aaron Vis, Josh Twedt, Christopher Stafford, Matt Kunert, manager Clint Fuller, Matt Simpson **ROW 2.** Asst Coach Larry Lawler, Jon Ross, Tim Halling, Jeff Meyers, Matt Sundblad, Ryan Crowder, Chris Danner, Coach Frank Sanders. **ROW 3.** Ryan Gray, Jeff Fisher, Nick Iwig, Brian Sorrells, Brian Blessman, Aaron Corcoran, Cory Kiper.





During the much anticipated Hoover game, senior Matt Sundblad shows he can use his left hand. The Dragons held the Huskies to only two points in the first quarter and went on to win 55-40 with Sundblad contributing a game-high 19 points. Sundblad shot 88% from the free-throw line and led the team in rebounds with 4.3 a game during the regular season. Sundblad was also named to *The Des Moines Register's* first-team All-State. photo by Danny Bright

Running the offense, junior Tim Halling passes off to an open teammate, junior Matt Simpson. Halling had a season high of nine points in a game against Winterset. Simpson led the team in free-throw percentage shooting 89.7%. photo by Steve Ring



Varsity Boys' Basketball

Lincoln 71-59
Dowling 73-65
Pella Christian 83-58
Carlisle 85-40
Winterset 86-23
Boone 62-60
Pella 69-55
Clarke 62-31
Norwalk 87-58
Pella Christian 63-60
Carlisle 68-28
Winterset 65-34
Boone 68-47
Clarke 78-36
Nevada 71-47
Hoover 55-40

Norwalk 93-49
Ankeny 75-71
Nevada 85-61
East 65-40
Carlisle 89-42
Adel-DeSoto 80-58
Clarke 79-45

Season Record 23-0

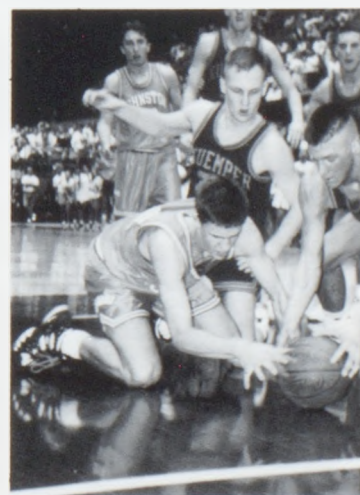
State Tournament

Fairfield 76-31
Carroll Kuemper 65-53
MOC-FV 95-78

Tournament Record 3-0



Senior guard Chris Danner keeps his eyes on the basket and drives in for a layup against a Winterset defender. During the regular season, Danner averaged three rebounds and 18 points a game, leading the team in scoring. He was also named captain of the all-tournament team. photo by Steve Ring



Falling to his knees, senior Aaron Vis fights for a loose ball against a Carroll Kuemper defender during the state tournament. Vis scored nine points that game and shot 62% from the field during the regular season. photo by Danny Bright

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Nevada 57-48
 Indiana 35-58
 Roosevelt 60-58
 Pella Christian 69-74
 Carlisle 47-49
 Winterset 55-46
 Clarke 65-57
 Boone 69-44
 Norwalk 40-39
 Nevada 58-32
 Pella Christian 40-38
 Carlisle 41-39
 Winterset 51-47
 Boone 62-41
 North 64-40
 Clarke 54-45
 Urbandale 63-62
 Norwalk 54-35
 Ankeny 58-60

Season Record 15-4

SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL

Nevada 47-56
 Lincoln 91-59
 Dowling 58-76
 Lincoln 81-48
 Pella Christian 59-71
 Carlisle 61-48
 Winterset 58-36
 Pella 54-62
 Clarke 73-54
 Boone 39-59
 Norwalk 45-41
 Nevada 81-78
 Pella Christian 53-47
 Carlisle 59-56
 Boone 54-48
 Clarke 61-50
 Hoover 68-41
 Norwalk 66-55
 Ankeny 51-64
 East 62-46

Season Record 14-6



Driving up the court, sophomore Darrell Dodson attempts to score a basket for the Dragons. Dodson made a total of 13 defensive rebounds, 10 assists and 18 steals. He also made 51 of 109 field goals, giving him 46.8 percent from the field. photo by Danny Bright

Sophomore Ryan McClanahan attempts a jump shot over an Ankeny defender after driving down the lane. McClanahan made 39 defensive rebounds for the Dragons and generated 99 total points. photo by Danny Bright



Freshman Jed Schmidt protects the basketball against Boone defensive players after being triple-teamed. The freshman boys' basketball team went on to beat Boone 69-44. Schmidt started at the forward position for the ninth grade Dragons. "I think we worked better as a team," said Schmidt. "I thought we all grew up and matured a little coming into the high school. Being around older people helped." photo by Danny Bright



FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL. Jerod Hockensmith, Adam Nieting, Wes Nyberg, Jake Christie, Jason Timmons, Nathan Krofta. ROW 2. Erik Allison, Tim Hartschen, Jeff Anderson, Brad Sewell, Dan Kuster, Robert Reese. ROW 3. Reggie Burke, Andy Vis, Nick Parenza, Dan Thompson, Kevin Burpee, Jed Schmidt, Eric Peterson.

ADJUSTING

to a new style of play

Coming into high school was a big change, especially for a sports team. One has new coaches, new rules and new expectations. The freshman basketball team was no exception. "I think we did pretty good this year. A lot of teams improved and we didn't as much as we should have. But we did improve and only lost four games during our regular season," said freshman Eric Peterson.

One of the freshmen losses was their game against Ankeny, 58-60. "Our hardest game was against Ankeny. They were so deep that when they went to the bench, they didn't drop a step. They kept coming at you," said freshman Jason Timmons.

The sophomore team also had a big change, a new coach. Mr. Jeff Simpson came to coach the sophomore boys, replacing former coach Mr. Larry Lawler. "I think Coach Simpson did a good job. He

was the best coach we've had so far. He taught us good techniques and fundamentals. He got the best out of our team," said sophomore Mark Oiler.

Not only did the players enjoy their new coach, but Simpson also enjoyed them. "I was pleased with the young men I worked with. They showed a lot of improvement as the season went on," said Simpson.

The sophomores ended their season with 14 wins, one of them being the game against Nevada. "I think the Nevada game was hyped up because they were a rival team. I think to win we had to play really well and we did win," said sophomore Matt Sinnwell.

Entering high school be a big change, but so can learning from a new coach. Both the freshman and sophomore teams had to deal with new situations and adapt to them in order to have a winning season. **Spread by Danny Bright**

After being double-teamed, sophomore Dan Sundblad looks to make a cross-court pass. Sundblad, a starter for the team, had 27 steals, 37 turnovers and a total of 43 assists, the highest on the team. photo by Danny Bright



SOPHOMORE BOYS' BASKETBALL. Todd Bass, Chris Kroeger, Corey Myers, Dan Sundblad, Darrell Dodson, Matt Sinnwell, Jeff Allen **ROW 2.** Ryan McClanahan, Brian Sheeks, Adam Corcoran, Mark Oiler, Ken Jones, Ryan Ruisch, Kevin Goering, Coach Jeff Simpson.



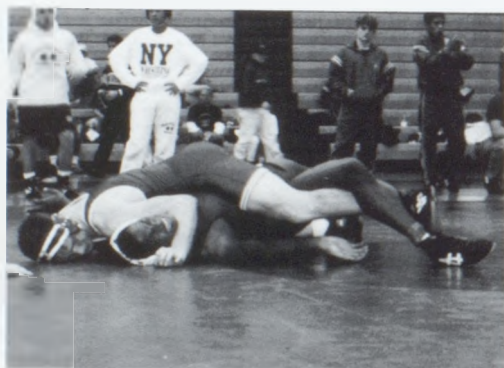
VICTORIES

despite injuries

"Johnston second place with 19 and a half points," blared over the loud speakers at Vets Auditorium after the first two days of the Boys' State Wrestling Tournament. Although the team ended up seventh, it was considered a great finish with all of the injuries during the season. The wrestlers were highly successful in their meets and tournaments during the season.

"We wanted and could have been the 3A State Champions, but with injuries to Aaron Toney, Adam Foster and others we fell short of the goal. However, we had some courageous efforts by people filling in for weight classes above their normal weights," said Coach Frank Baltzley.

Many non-varsity wrestlers were forced to change their weight class to take the places of the injured players. "Injuries took a lot of people out. It made the coaches really nervous. Guys were just dropping like flies," said senior Tim Eblen.



• **W**ith just 1:26 on the clock, junior A. J. Simpson prevails by pinning his opponent at districts. Johnston received third place at districts. Simpson made Little Hawkeye All Conference first team. • photo by Joann Stark

aged to earn All-Conference honors. First team honors went to juniors Ben Barnes, Nick Mitchell, Steve Rodriguez, Matt Madison, A.J. Simpson, sophomore Jason Ceretti and senior Aaron Toney who was named First Team All-Conference for the fourth consecutive year.

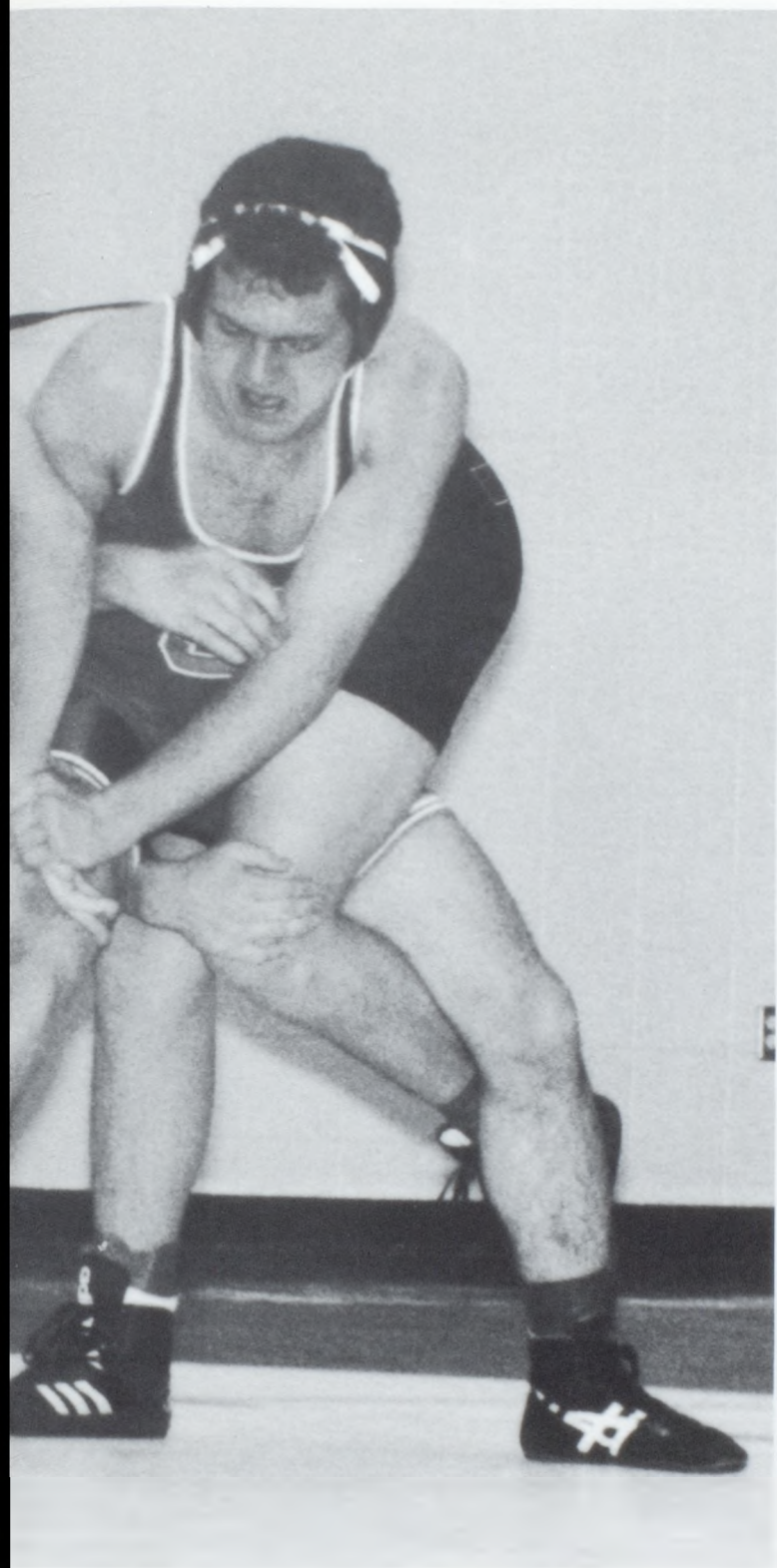
Despite their injuries the Dragons made a surprising and courageous effort to become champions. They qualified five wrestlers for state competition including juniors Barnes at 112, Mitchell at 119, Madison at 130, Rodriguez at 125 and senior Tim Eblen at 152. Senior Aaron Toney, a four year varsity letterman, said, "I was really impressed with how the team went from being decent to being a contender at the state tournament." **Spread by Jared Grant and Joann Stark**

Through the adversity of all the injuries to key varsity wrestlers, the team never gave up. "The amazing thing to me was that even though we had a lot of injuries we stuck together as a team," said junior Steve Rodriguez.

Even though they switched weight classes often, several members managed



WRESTLING. John Thoren, Damian Bell, Chad Baker, Lyova Ondar, Billy Tiernan, Jordan Boley, M. Todd Pembroke, Chad Pembroke, Derek Kim. **ROW 2.** Manager Tasha Wiseman, Manager Nate Slauson, Adam Foster, Steve Rodriguez, Brent Whipps, Nate Lamb, Dave Allison, Corey Dickey, Jered Boley, Tim Eblen, Manager Libby Hetherington, Manager Gretchen Powell. **ROW 3.** Coach Shawn Llewelenn, Coach Mike Haider, Kevin Whitehill, Matt Madison, Joel Noble, Jeremiah Pugh, Dave Gray, Nick Baker, Troy Hansen, Bill Gulling, Ben Barnes, Nick Mitchell, Coach Jerry Stratton, Coach Frank Baltzley. **ROW 4.** Peter Alexander, Jason Ceretti, Douglas Langworthy, Greg Tibboel, Michael Bennett, Brian McCleary, Brad Schonhorst, Kristofer Logue, Aaron Toney, Kevin Purl.

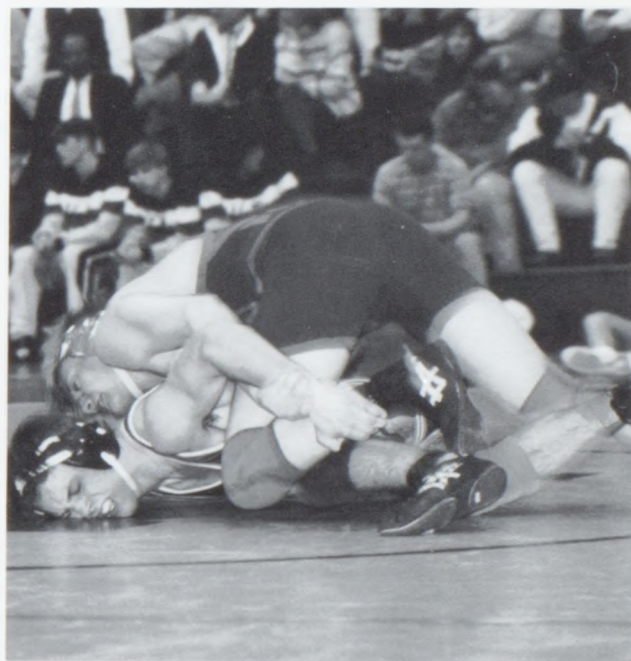


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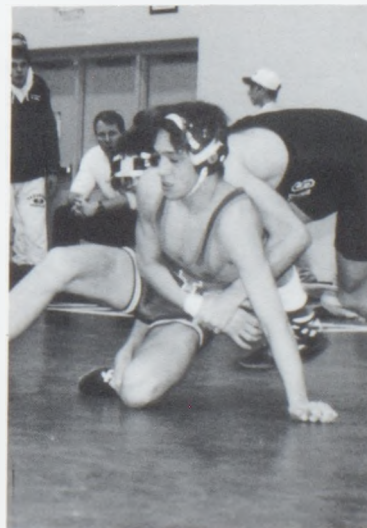
STATE QUALIFIERS. Nick Mitchell 119, Ben Barnes 112, Steve Rodriguez 125, Tim Eblen 152, Matt Madison 130.



WRESTLING	Johnston Invitational Duals
Urbandale 24-36	Adel-DeSoto/Minburn 34-27
Hoover 60-18	Jefferson 45-18
Carlisle Inv. First Place	Forest City 54-12
Carlisle 54-15	South Tama 33-27
Clarinda Inv. Duals Third Place	Bondurant-Farrar 46-21
Coming 54-18	Norwalk 41-27
Underwood 60-18	Lincoln Duals
C.B. Thomas Jefferson 42-30	Lincoln 48-27
W.D.M. Valley 30-33	Hoover 66-12
Clarinda 33-37	Roosevelt 56-8
Boone 30-30	Ankeny 19-39
Nevada 50-15	Clark 25-31
Boone Inv. Second Place	Grinnell 18-42
Perry 43-15	South Tama 31-34
Valley Dual Team	Marshalltown 27-42
Urbandale 13-39	W.D.M. Valley 19-45
Webster City 30-32	Districts Third Place
Saydel 48-24	State Seventh Place
Valley 24-31	Season Record 18-12-1
Winterset 25-37	



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Battling his Marshalltown opponent at the conference meet, junior Kevin Whitehill tries to gain the advantage. Whitehill received Special Mention at 125 on the Little Hawkeye All-Conference Team along with junior Jordan Boley at 135. photo by Joann Stark



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Struggling to gain balance, sophomore Nick Baker tries desperately to record an escape for one point. Baker lost 4-13 to Ken Johnston of Urbandale and finished fifth at districts. He was one win away from a possible district championship and a state birth. photo by Joann Stark

BOYS' GOLF

Carlisle 170-182
Ballard 167-161
Norwalk 174-190
Winterset 171-184
Carlisle 156-180
Saydel Inv. 2nd
Conference 1st
Sectional 4th

Season Record 4-1

GIRLS' GOLF

Carlisle 144-174
Ballard 148-164
Norwalk 154-183
Winterset 154-213
Carlisle 150-170
Boone 215-214
Urbandale Inv. 10th
Conference 2nd
North Inv. 7th
Ames Inv. 2nd
Sectional 3rd

Season Record 5-1

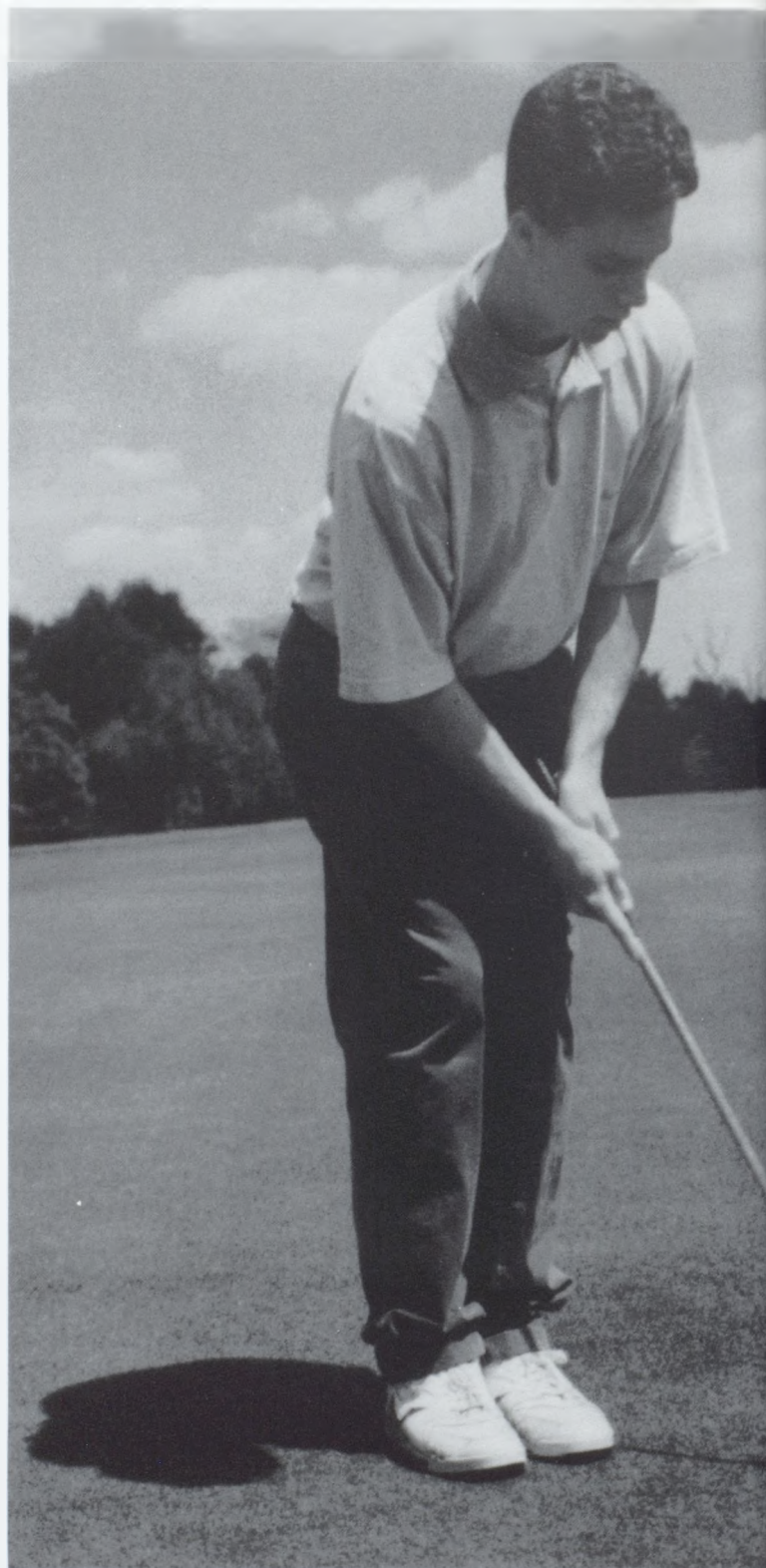


Practicing her chipping technique on the practice putting green at Jester Park, freshman Tara Lashley hits the ball from a small hill onto the green. Lashley and senior Lynzee Mallett shared a low meet score of 34 on a par 3 course. Lashley also had the low putt score on a nine hole course of 11 strokes. photo by Barb Johns

Sophomore Jason Reber tees off on hole two of the par 3 course at Jester Park. The boys' golf team earned a combined score of 168 at the Saydel Invitational to place them in 2nd place at the tournament. photo by Barb Johns



Junior Jay Nichols manipulates his putter to send his Top Flight golf ball toward the cup. Nichols sank the putt on his way to an 84 at the conference meet at Jester Park. The Dragons finished first at the meet with a combined score of 332. At sectionals Nichols helped the boys' team place fourth by scoring a low of 82. Senior Ryan Crowder, junior Jeremy Hietbrink and sophomore Mitch Kunert also participated in the meet. The boys' team's combined score at sectionals was 337. photo by Barb Johns



GIRLS' GOLF. Jill Cameron, Michelle Shattuck, Jodi Hill, Morgan Cavanaugh, Monica Kim, Tiffany Buban, Lisa Stradley. ROW 2. Heather Patterson, Ellen Bryant, Alyssa Friedow, Kellie Barney, Paige Staver, Jen Goode, Jodi Peitzman, Kate Vocelka, Jamie Mai, Lisa Gentile.

EXPERIENCE

achieved through practice

A bright afternoon sun shining down, a slight breeze coming from behind and the smooth grip of the club in one's hands is most golfers' dream afternoon. Unfortunately for the girls' and boys' golf teams the reality was cloudy, overcast and often rainy, cancelling many practices and several meets. Girls' coach Mr. Steve Smith said, "The weather was a big distraction because it cut down on the number of practices we could have before a meet."

With ten of the 26 girls on the team being freshmen, practice time was critical to allow them to gain experience and perform better. Even though they had limited time for practices, they were constantly being pushed to perform better by the other golfers on the team. The number of girls out for the team increased the competition for the top spots. Also many golfers placed high expectations on the upperclassmen to perform well. "The most difficult thing was the expectations people had," said senior Lynzee Mallett. "You had to work up to where people thought you should play."

The pressure payed off as the girls placed second in conference and fourth in sectionals, missing the opportunity to advance to regionals by only two shots.

The boys' golf team also had an inexperienced team that struggled to find some practice time between rainy afternoons. "There were a lot of young guys on the team," said senior Ryan Crowder. "We had to work on being more consistent."

In order to gain more consistency the boys' team focused its practices on learning and improving the techniques used for the basic golf swing. They saw the results at the end of the season when they had won four out of their five dual meets.

Boys' golf coach Mr. Frank Sanders said, "I thought we achieved a lot, getting first in conference and fourth in sectionals. We did really well considering the weather and experience of the team." **Spread by Barb Johns**

After hitting her ball out of the sand trap, senior Megan Kalamaja uses a rake to clear the trap of divets for other golfers. The girls' team had a low team score of 208 on the regular course during the Ames Invitational on May 1. photo by Barb Johns



BOYS' GOLF. Jeremy Hietbrink, Josh Van Heukelom, Nick Parenza, Brian Sheeks **ROW 2.** Jay Christianson, Jay Nichols, Chad Baker, Jason Reber.



BOYS' TENNIS

Boone 0-9
North Polk 7-4
Saydel 9-0
Ankeny 4-7
North 11-0
Pella Christian 2-7
North Polk 6-3
Norwalk 4-7
Hoover 5-6

Season Record 4-5

GIRLS' TENNIS

Boone 5-6
Grinnell 3-3
North 11-0
East 7-4
North Polk 8-1
North Polk 7-4
REGIONALS
North Polk 7-2
Ballard 4-5

Season Record 5-2-1

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"It was almost like the weather was against us. Everytime we had scheduled meets, rain was in the forecast." Joann Stark, junior

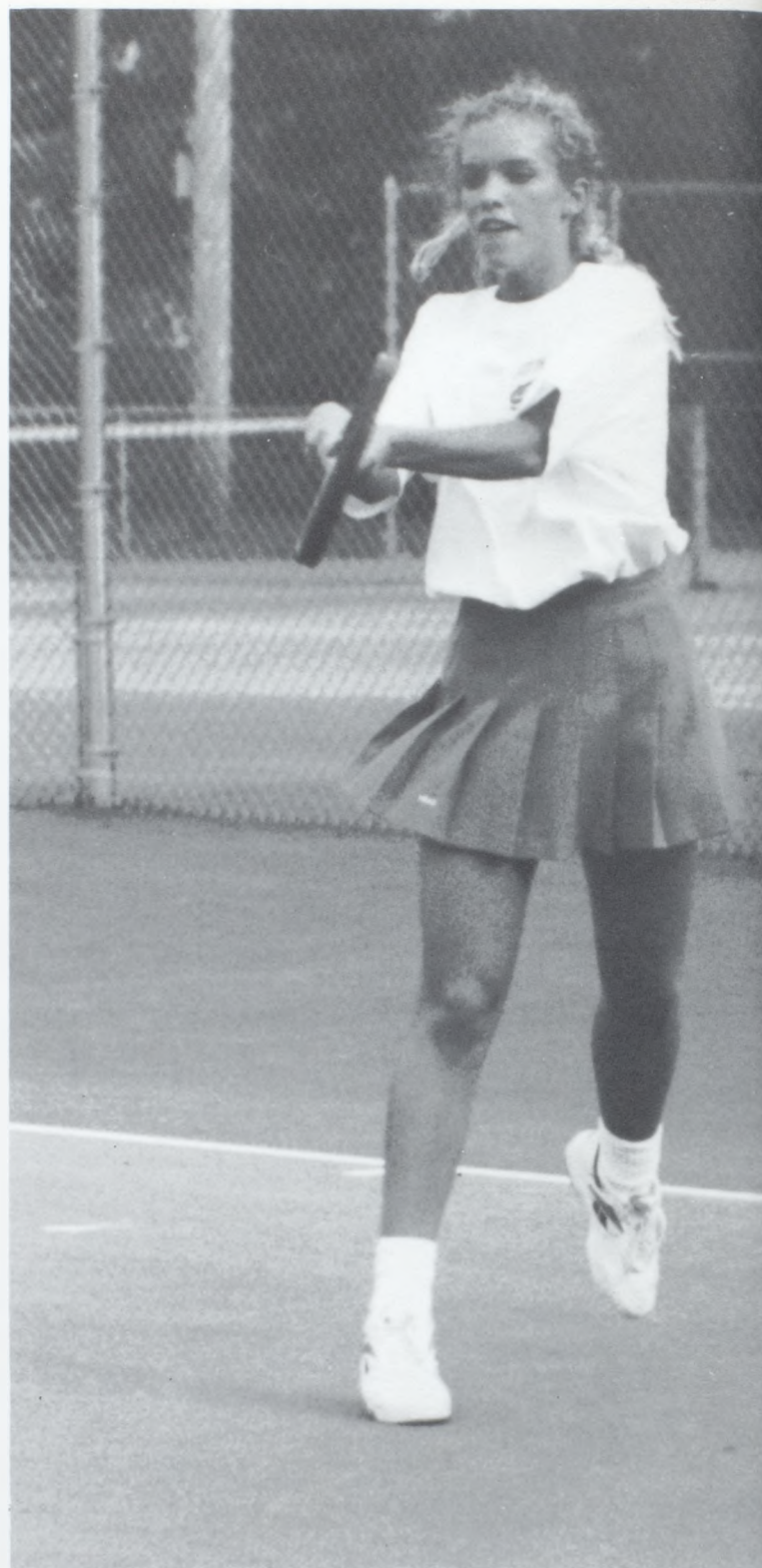


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Eyeing the ball, senior Brian Greiner prepares to return service during a match held at Johnston. This is the second season for an all Johnston boys' tennis team. Greiner and senior Andy Roeth were doubles partners during the season. They finished the season with five wins and four losses in doubles competition. photo by Danny Bright

Mentally preparing to get her first serve in, senior Libby Herrmann eyes her East opponent. Herrmann played the number three singles position throughout the season. Herrmann was doubles partner with the number four singles player, senior Kris Tedesco. photo by Danny Bright



Using a crushing backhand return, junior Anne Mullenix attempts to score a point against her North Polk opponent. Mullenix was the number one singles player for the varsity team. She and her doubles partner, junior Laura Block, went on to earn a third place finish at districts, which made them alternates to the state tournament. "I think that since Laura (Block) and I didn't play together last year much, we adjusted well with one another and played as well as a doubles team," said Mullenix. photo by Danny Bright



BOYS' TENNIS. Jeff Nieting, Mark Stookey, Tim Halling, Ryan Roeth. **ROW 2.** Matt Lundberg, Casey Smith, Adam Nieting, Andy Roeth. **ROW 3.** Brian Nichols, Mark Oiler, Ryan Kirkpatrick, P.J. Holmertz.

SHOWERS

steal the season

The soothing sound of the rain fell upon the forest green tennis courts. The boys' and girls' tennis teams both endured the rainy weather throughout their season.

"It was wet and extremely difficult in that everybody had to be flexible due to the changing weather conditions," said girls' coach Shari Walling. "It was a very inconsistent season. The weather hampered us, but the people were more dedicated and put their lives on hold to play tennis." Considering the rain, the girls had an impressive record of 5-2-1. The girls' were forced to cancel their first four meets and were unable to make up half of them.

The Lady Dragons also had individual standouts including junior Laura Block who was flight two conference singles champion. Junior Joann Stark moved up to the varsity level as number five singles and played number three doubles with senior Courtney Lester.

The boys also experienced difficulties due to the rain, but despite the weather the team still had optimistic goals. "We had a tough schedule. Pella Christian and Boone, two of the teams in our conference, placed first and third at state team tennis last year. This level of competition prepared us for districts," said boys' coach Leslie Shipp.

The boys came close to sending someone to state. Sophomore Ryan Roeth got third place in singles at district, one match away from state. "My goal this season was to go to state. It didn't quite happen, but I played smarter and played the best tennis of my life," said Ryan Roeth.

When the courts weren't water-logged, both teams displayed their flexibility and spent extra hours working on their backhand. The extra time payed for both teams as the girls ended with a winning record and the boys gained valuable experience even without Mother Nature on their side. **Spread by Danny Bright and Jared Grant**

Waiting between matches, tennis players junior Tim Halling, sophomore Mark Oiler and senior Bryan Greiner listen intently to their coach Leslie Shipp, as the girls' coach Shari Walling watches her team on the court. photo by Danny Bright



GIRLS' TENNIS. Renee Ebke, Anne Mullenix, Laura Block, Libby Herrmann, Kris Tedesco, Joann Stark, Courtney Lester, Jaqlyn Collier. **ROW 2.** Brenda Mitchell, Leanna Morris, Jane Zirkelbach, Jana Yanders, Shannon Turner, Kristin McConnell. **ROW 3.** Erin Behanish, Suzanne Cirkzena, Celeste Six, Kellie Kramer, Lori Howard, Kerianne Sullivan, Anne Sciorrotta, Tammy Walz, Lisa Koch, Chris Timmerman, Chrissie Huisman.



GIRLS' TRACK

Ballard Inv. 1st Carlisle Inv. 2nd
Bondurant Inv. 2nd Little Hawkeye Conf. 1st
Johnston Inv. 1st District 8th
Carlisle Inv. JV 1st State 25th

State Qualifiers

Heidi Kiester- 100 m hurdles,
shuttle hurdle relay
Angie Hefner- shuttle hurdle relay
Elaine Jarnagin- 400m hurdles- 4th,
400m dash- 5th, shuttle hurdle relay
Alicia Rollison- shuttle hurdle relay
Kyla Kiester- 800m run- 10th

"We're all about track!"
-Angie Hefner & Kari Tank



Senior Megan Little sets her stance to throw the shot put at the Newton Invitational. Little also threw the discus, an event which she won with a throw of 111' 5". Little claimed first place honors in both events at the Carlisle Invitational helping the team to a second place finish in the meet. photo by Jennifer Jones

To qualify for state senior Elaine Jarnagin competes in the 400 meter dash at the district meet held in Fort Dodge. Jarnagin placed fifth in the event at state. Jarnagin also took fourth place in the 400 meter hurdles, breaking her own school record in the preliminaries. photo by Jennifer Jones



Running the second leg of the shuttle hurdle relay, freshman Heidi Kiester competes in the 3A Girls' State Track Meet held at Drake Stadium. The relay team qualified for the event with a time of 1:06.95. Kiester also competed in the 100 meter hurdles qualifying with a time of 15.51 seconds. At the conference meet Kiester placed second in the event finishing behind senior Elaine Jarnagin. Kiester also claimed the conference 100 m dash title. photo by Jennifer Jones



GIRLS' TRACK. Lisa Beaman, Heidi Kiester, Elaine Jarnagin ROW2. Jennifer Jones, Crystal Martin, Penny Nichols, Angie Hefner, Kyla Kiester, Kristin Warren, Alicia Rollison. ROW 3. Coach Craig Oldham, Megan Little, Kari Tank, Katie Jacobsen, Sara Myer, Jamie Westcott, Coach Rick Rynning.

RUNNING in the rain

Drip, drip, drop little April showers... The season got off to a slow start for the girls' track team. The team was forced to practice indoors, competing for hall space with the boys' track and soccer teams. Although three of the first four meets were cancelled and the team got little practice, they found ways to compensate for the cold, rainy conditions. "Elaine (Jarnagin) holds the record for running around the first hurdle and only jumping nine in the 400 meter hurdles," said Coach Craig Oldham.

Rain, rain, go away. Come again some other day... Although it didn't rain at the Little Hawkeye Conference meet in Osceola the girls' team had to overcome the cold to claim the conference title for the second year in a row. Some credited their success to team unity. "We have so much fun as a team," said sophomore Tenisha Davis. "I think that's why we always win."

Black hole sun, won't you come and wash away the rain? When districts arrived the team was ready and waiting. "I was kind of pumped up on Monday but then it was postponed," said sophomore Penny Nichols. "Tuesday I tried to get pumped but I knew that it would be cancelled again. By Wednesday it was hard to be motivated."

The meet at Fort Dodge had been postponed due to thunderstorms. However, their efforts qualified five individuals for the state meet.

Plenty of sunshine headin' my way. Zip-ah-dee-doo-dah... Mother Nature saved the best for last. Not a drop of rain fell as school records were broken. Sophomore Kyla Kiester sat on the track sticking her feet in the air. "Look at my shoes," screamed Kiester. Her teammates freshman Heidi Kiester and senior Kari Tank stared at the blue soles and read "2:23.21." Kiester's goal time was just .04 seconds faster than her new school record in the 800 meter run. The sunshine brought success and ended a season of running in the rain. **Spread by Jennifer Jones and Joann Stark**

Grimacing in pain, junior Alicia Rollison leaps a hurdle during the Girls' State Track Meet. Rollison anchored the shuttle hurdle relay but pulled her hamstring while coming out of the blocks. photo by Jennifer Jones



Senior Kari Tank leads the pack as she runs down the back stretch of the Fort Dodge track during the 4 X 800 meter relay. Tank was the lead-off runner of the relay which finished with a time of 10:20.8 and placed fifth in the district. photo by Jennifer Jones



CHAMPIONSHIP

is won despite adversity

Mother Nature was not kind to the boys' track team. Four meets were rained out and only one was made up. One of the meets cancelled was the last meet to qualify for the state track meet held at Drake University. Sophomore Ken Jones said, "Not having the last meet almost caused some people not to make it to state. It ruined my chance to qualify in the 800 meters."

Along with struggling against the rain, the team had to deal with competition for athletes with the soccer team. With the addition of spring soccer many track athletes, like sophomore Chase Young, were forced to compete in both sports. This proved to be a difficult task as Young found himself falling behind with his track training. "I didn't excel as much as I could have because I didn't devote all my time to just one sport," said Young.

The team was also hampered by injuries and sickness. In the

conference meet three runners were sidelined. Senior David Rittgers did not compete due to sickness. Also junior Steve Rodriguez and Young were injured.

Despite all their hardships, the team won a conference championship and qualified for eleven events at the state meet. While running there, school records were set in the 4 X



- **T**aking off during the JV 4 X 400 meter relay at Johnston, senior Clint Fuller looks back towards junior Maurice Davis to get the baton. Other members of the team were juniors Ryan Gray and Steve Rodriguez.
- photo by Matt Simpson

400, 4 X 200 and 4 X 100 meter relays. A fourth record was broken earlier in the year by senior Rich Krejci. "Last year Krejci said he wanted to run hurdles but I teased him because he was so awkward. Then he came back and set the school record for the 400 meter hurdles," said Coach George Sypniewski.

Krejci and juniors Christopher Stafford, Rodriguez and Aaron Corcoran ran in the 4 X 400 meter relay which finished seventh at state. Senior Jay Christianson, Rittgers, Stafford, and M.J. Martin II ran in the 4 X 200 and 4 X 100 meter relays. The 4 X 200 finished second at state while the 4 X 100 brought home a class 3A state championship in a time of 43.49 seconds.

Spread by Matt Simpson and Joann Stark



BOYS' TRACK. Josh Wells, Ken Jones, Jim Wynn, Corey Myers, Steve Roth, Aditya Mahajan, Ryan McGowan, Jason Brehmer. **ROW 2.** Matt Sinnwell, Clint Fuller, Matt Webster, Chase Young, Jon French, Alex Jeffries, M.J. Martin II, Christopher Stafford, Myles Cochran, Jason Ceretti, Trent Tillman. **ROW 3.** Matt Fisher, Pat McGowan, Jay Christianson, Aaron Corcoran, Rich Krejci, B.J. Knapp, Ryan Gray, Tanner Cain, Ryan McClanahan, Chad Odland, Todd Bass.



Sprinting the third leg of the 4 X 200 meter relay which placed second at state, junior Christopher Stafford strides out receiving the hand-off from senior Jay Christanson. Christanson also qualified for state in the 110 meter high hurdles and ran on the 4 X 100 relay. Stafford was a member of the the 4 X 100 meter relay team also. He ran in the 4 X 400 meter relay team at state as well. Stafford ran in the open 200 and 400 meter dashes during the year and was close to qualifying for state in both of the events. photo by Joann Stark

Running in the 100 meter dash at the state meet, senior David Rittgers gets out of the blocks quickly. Rittgers was hampered by a foot injury at the state meet but competed anyway. He also competed in the 4 X 100 meter relay and the 4 X 200 meter relay. photo by Joann Stark



STATE QUALIFIERS

Aaron Corcoran- 4 X 400m relay-7th. high jump
 Matt Webster- 3200m run
 Jay Christanson- 4 X 100m relay-1st. 4 X 200m relay-2nd. 110m high hurdles
 Chase Young- 110m high hurdles
 David Rittgers- 4 X 100m relay-1st. 4 X 200m relay-2nd. 100m dash
 M.J. Martin II- 4 X 100m relay-1st. 4 X 200m relay-2nd. 200m dash-4th
 Rich Krejci- 4 X 400m relay-7th. 4 X 800m relay, 400m low hurdles
 Jon French- 1600 medley relay
 Brent Whipps- 1600 medley relay
 Maurice Davis- 1600 medley relay
 Steve Rodriguez- 4 X 400m relay-7th. 1600 medley relay, 4 X 800m relay
 Christopher Stafford- 4 X 100m relay-1st. 4 X 200m relay-2nd. 4 X 400m relay-7th
 Greg Tibboel- 4 X 800m relay
 Ken Jones- 4 X 800m relay



Straining to get a quick start, junior Aaron Corcoran begins the open 400 meter dash while junior M.J. Martin II holds his blocks. Corcoran qualified for state in the high jump with a jump of six feet one inch. Corcoran was also a member of the 4 X 400 meter relay team which broke the school record. photo by Matt Simpson



Junior Jon French bolts out of the starting blocks at the beginning of the 1600 medley relay during the state track meet held at Drake University. Other members of the relay were Maurice Davis, Brent Whipps and Steve Rodriguez. French also ran on the 4 X 100 and 4 X 200 meter relays at different times during the year. photo by Joann Stark

VARSITY SOCCER

Indianola 3-1
Lincoln 0-2
North 7-1
Urbandale 1-1
Valley 0-2
Ankeny 4-1
Indianola 3-0
Ankeny 0-1
Valley 0-2
Ankeny 1-2
Mason City 5-1
Marshalltown 3-2
Newton 2-0
Dowling 4-1
Hoover 2-1
Hoover 2-3

Season Record 10-6-1



Blocking the ball to protect their goal, senior James Doyle and junior Brad Schonhorst leap into action, while freshman Jason Milburn awaits with the backup. Doyle played stopper, while Schonhorst covered the left midfielder position and Milburn was the sweeper on the JV team for the Dragons. photo by Crystal Smith

Cleansing a finger wound with cold water, junior Todd Pembroke sneaks a quick break from the varsity match against Valley. The final score of the game was in favor of Valley, 2-0, despite tremendous efforts by the team. photo by Crystal Smith



Sliding his Newton opponent, freshman player Bryan Collins helps the JV team gain possession of the ball. Despite team effort, they lost the match to the Cardinals 2-1. The teams had a challenging season, playing only the 4A teams. The change in division came by taking the place of Fort Dodge, who did not have a soccer team in the National Conference of the Central Iowa Metro League. The team adjusted to the challenge by preparing 12 1/2 hours a week. photo by Crystal Smith.



JV SOCCER: Chad Pembroke, Lyova Ondar, Brent Routson, Eric Wilcuff, Gina Porto. **ROW 2:** Brian Wattier, James Doyle, Dax Landeen, Tim Rains, Peter Albinston, Brad Schonhorst, Bryan Collins, Matt Schonhorst. **ROW 3:** Coach Brian Lewis, Jason Milburn, José Tovar, Shannon Hildeeth, Tyler Jacobsen, Adam Clark, Hady Fink, Assistant Coach Ian Bradley.

KICKING MUD

to beat the odds

The rain fell, but their team spirit did not. The Dragon soccer players put on their shin guards and laced up their cleats preparing for a victory. Despite kicking the mud more often than the ball, the Dragons were able to persevere to defeat their Hoover opponent with the score 2-1.

Once again the Dragons and the Hoover Huskies met, but now it was at the state tournament. This would be the second game of the day for the Dragons and the outcome would not be as sweet as the time before. Hoover led the first half with a score of 2-0, but during the halftime the Dragons regrouped and planned their strategy for the second half and came back to tie the game up at 2-2. In the last thirty seconds Hoover unexpectedly made a header shot, this time to defeat the Dragons. "It was really hard to swallow a defeat from Hoover, when we knew we could beat them, but we just didn't have the energy," said sophomore Jared Grant.

Improvement didn't come naturally for the team. Miles of running and practices made up of drills and scrimmages added to the growth of their season. "Jordan (Boley), Chase (Young) and Aaron (Toney) were complaining because they thought we should be working on ball technique before our big tournament game, instead of running," said sophomore Tom Myers, "so Ian made them run ten laps and then coach the team because they thought they knew everything."

In the long run the training paid off with a 10-6-1 record and the team's endurance tested their opponent's skill. "At the end of a game when the other team is gasping for air we are still going strong," said junior Brent Routson.

Strength, endurance and teamwork was the lesson for the team and an idea they needed to continually work to achieve. "They know if they practice more they can be as good as ever," said senior Alex Jeffries. "We worked hard and beat the odds." **Spread by Crystal Smith and Missy Roberts**

Warming up before a match against Hoover, sophomore Jose Tovar stretches his hamstrings. Warm-up time was used for muscle stretching, discussing the strategies and visual imaging of winning the match. photo by Crystal Smith



VARSITY SOCCER. Paulo Ansaldo, Chad Pembroke, Tom Myers, Todd Pembroke, Jeff Meyers. **ROW 2.** Jose Tovar, Alex Jeffries, Dax Landeen, Matt Vannausdale, Travis Schuling, Eric Peterson, Aaron Toney, Adam Clark. **ROW 3.** Assistant Coach Brian Lewis, Manager Sarah Cattoor, Jordan Boley, Hady Fink, Tyler Jacobsen, Andrew Meston, Jared Grant, Manager Brenda Tomenga, Head Coach Ian Bradley.



People



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Senior S.W. Winrich, sophomore Sheri Winrich and band member Matt Bradshaw rehearse for the City Rockers band of First Assembly of God. photo by Crystal Smith



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Freshman Nathan Benn begins benching to build upper body strength. The weight room was relocated to the former wrestling room. photo by Crystal Smith



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After school senior Aaron Hornback and freshmen Jason Brehmer and Edward McAtee practice for the newly formed Bass Clef Men's Chorus. photo by Barb Johns



lthough the scholars spent hours of time at the castle, each explored many individual interests. Some of the royal subjects planned excursions with friends to concerts, nightclubs and the beach. A

few villagers devoted their free time to helping others by assisting classes and athletic teams and spreading wisdom through song. Participation in church choirs and singing groups was another common activity. While some townspeople used free time for relaxation, other students became active by working out or competing on sports teams to keep physically fit. The diversity of the scholars added to the depth of the kingdom's culture...



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Sorting wrestling outfits sophomore Naté Slauson prepares to wash them for the wrestling team. Slauson was a wrestling manager whose responsibilities included wiping down mats, running errands for the coaches and bringing water to the wrestlers when they were thirsty. photo by Barb Johns

Peter Lars Albinsson

Dennis Allers

Christian Anderson

Jeffery David Backstrom

Katy E. Bass

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Christina Bates

Sean Daniel Bates

Marisa Baumgarn

Michelle Lynn Bell

Regina Renae Bess

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Paula Jean Biondi

Daniel Owen Bright

Randy Britson

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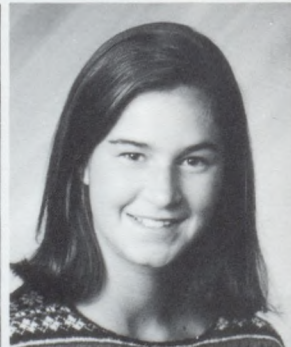
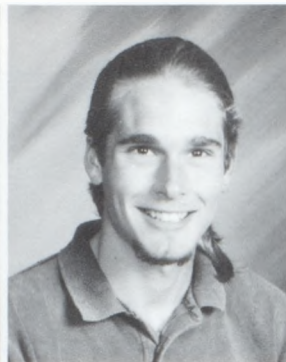
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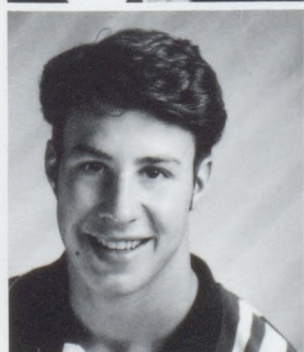
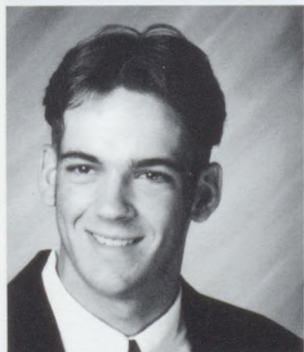
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Walking down the hall one couldn't tell the sandbox kids, students who had attended Johnston their kindergarten through senior years, apart from anyone else. There were 34 of them traveling through the halls full of memories.

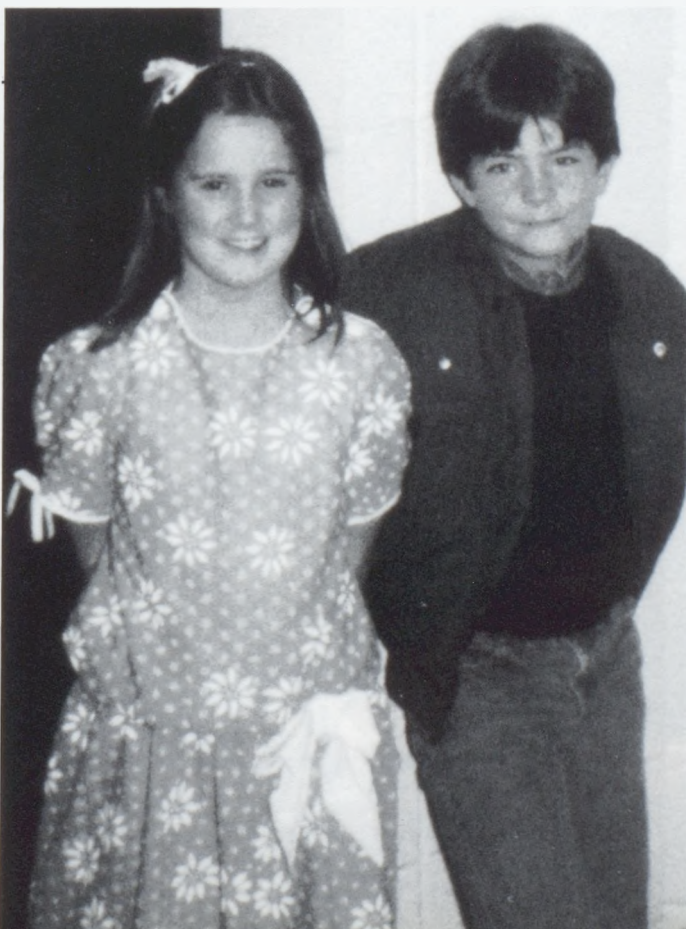
Being a Whiz Kid in fourth grade was something most remembered. Who could forget wearing the coveted Whiz Kid shirt for five straight days. A Whiz Kid was an honor given once a week to a student chosen by the teacher. Senior Michelle Camden said, "When I was chosen as a Whiz Kid I was so excited that I got a pass to go home during the middle of the day to show my mom the shirt."

Besides the cool Whiz Kid shirt, they had many other fashion trends over the years. Charm necklaces, tight-rolled jeans and hot, sticky jelly shoes were a few of the clothes that everyone had to have.

Cheating was another trend in which some sandbox kids took part. Senior Heather Heller said, "Amy Myer and I were in home economics together. We had a code to tell each other the answers. We'd tap two times on the desk for true and three times for false."

It was outside of the classrooms where most of the fun took place. In elementary schools they participated in a day of games and ice cream on the annual field days. Senior Tim Rains said, "My favorite game was tug-of-war because I got to show my manhood."

The 34 sandbox kids grew up and after surviving five field days, three schools and five principals, they did one last thing together. They graduated. **Spread by Barb Johns**



What is your favorite memory?

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"Rachel Graaf, Amy Lingenfelder and I were in tennis. We had practice at Hyperion and no one would give us a ride. It took the entire practice to walk there. No one noticed we were gone. From then on we called ourselves the Tennis Crusaders."

Becky Floren
senior

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SANDBOX KIDS. Stephanie Jones, Jenn Morrison, Becky Floren, Jennifer Jones, Michelle Camden **ROW 2.** Shannon Woodhall, Heidi Johns, Amy Myer, Regina Bess, Michelle Shattuck, DeAnn Hart, Heather Heller, Brenda Tomenga, Bryan Stennes, Matthew Warren **ROW 3.** Donnie Tyrrel, John Sederwall, Mark Howieson, Jay Christianson, Tim Rains, Anthony Gentle, JP Clark II.

• **D**uring their fourth grade year, seniors Ann Haag and Shannon Hildreth stand in the hallway of the Open Bible Church after Haag participated in a Christmas play. Haag and Hildreth were two of the 34 sandbox kids that remained out of the original 88 students in the kindergarten class of 1983. photo by Jan Haag

What is your
favorite
academic
team
memory?

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"My favorite part was the Super Quiz. It was the only part of the competition where we worked together."
Emily Gelormino
senior

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Interviewing was the main area of excellence for the academic team. Three people earned honors in the interview category of the competition. Juniors Leanna Morris and M. J. Martin II received silver medals while senior Emily Gelormino received a bronze medal in the event. The students answered questions ranging from future plans to school activities. Morris also won a bronze medal in the speech category and senior J.P. Clark won a bronze medal in the fine arts category. Mrs. Pam Johnson, the academic team sponsor, attributed their success to the confident attitudes of the students that participated in the event.

They competed against more than fifteen teams from around the metro area at Drake on February 18. They competed in ten events, like an Olympic decathlon. They measured academic strengths in such categories as science, mathematics, economics, interviewing and the Super Quiz, which is a team event held in front of a large audience.

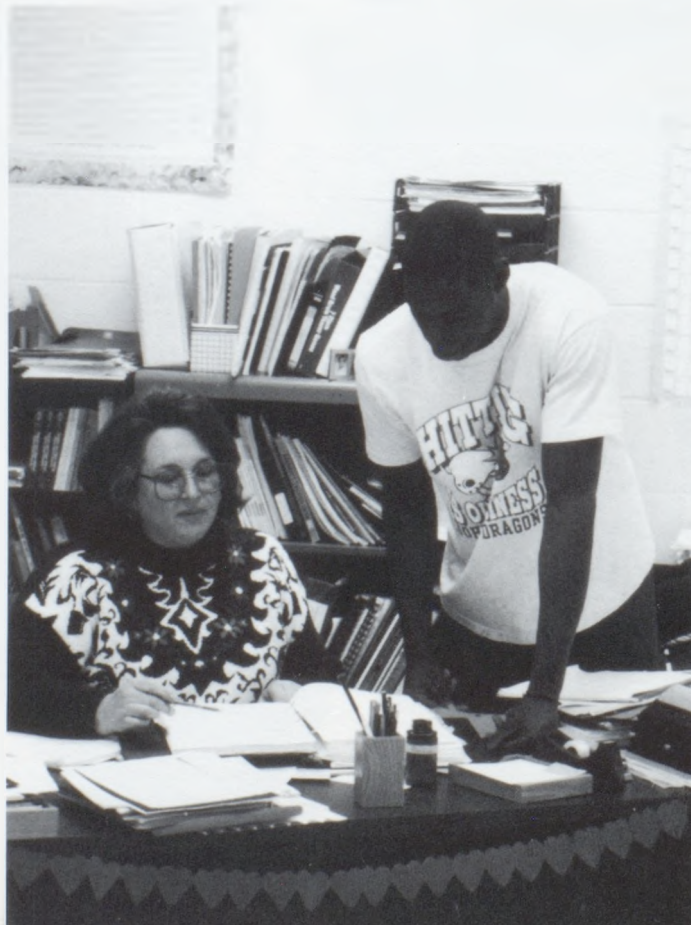
"My favorite part was seeing my scores at Academic Decathlon and realizing I didn't even get half right," said Morris. The competition involved challenging topics not normally covered in regular school classes, such as microbiology.

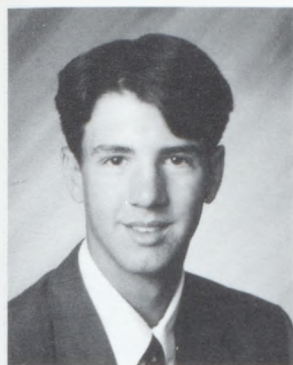
It involved a lot of work outside of school. "There is a lot of information you have to memorize and understand in a short amount of time," said sophomore Jared Grant. Their hard work paid off in the form of the honors they earned. **Spread by Cody Koch**



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Taking a lunch break, junior Seamus Murphy browses through the Academic Decathlon folder. The folder contained hundreds of pages of information that might have been asked at the competition. photo by Cody Koch

Academic Decathlon advisor Mrs. Pam Johnson explains the Human Genome Project to junior M. J. Martin II. Martin received a silver medal in the interview category of the competition. photo by Cody Koch





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Christopher Andrew Danner

John Karl Davis

James Doyle



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Ken Elrod

Todd Ferin

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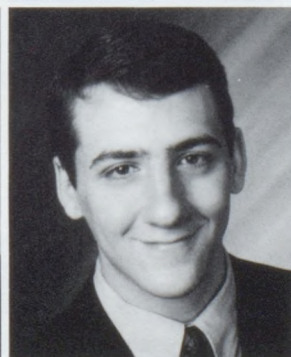
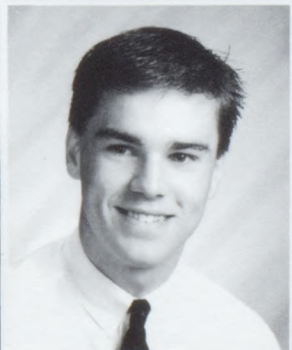
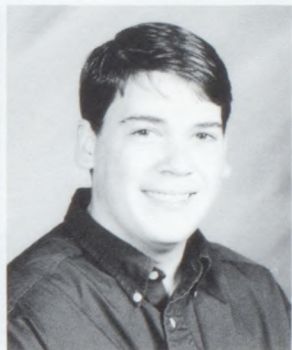
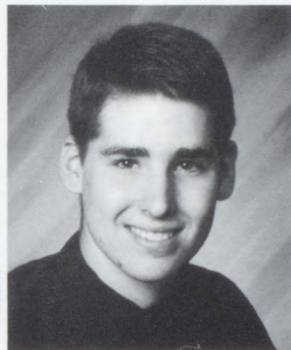
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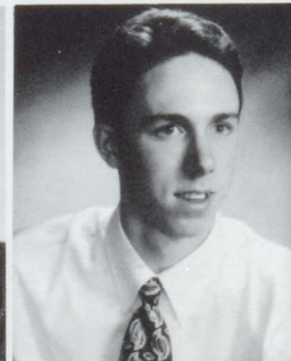
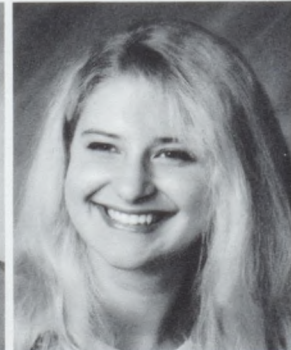
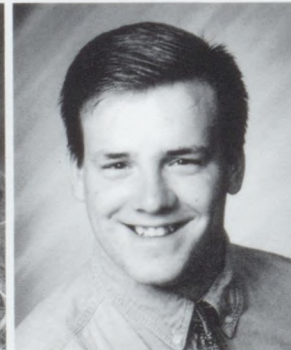
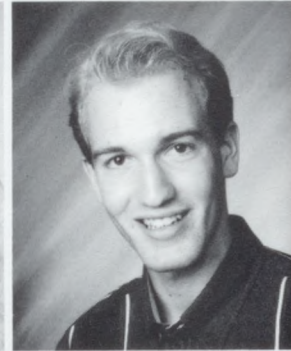
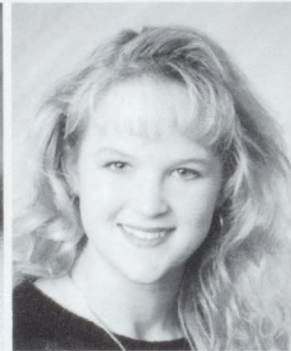
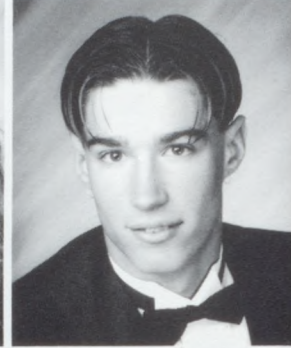
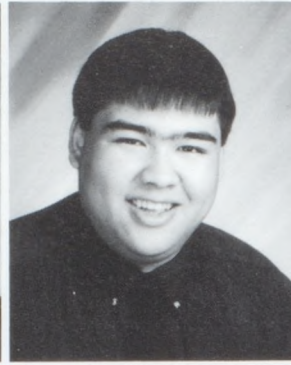
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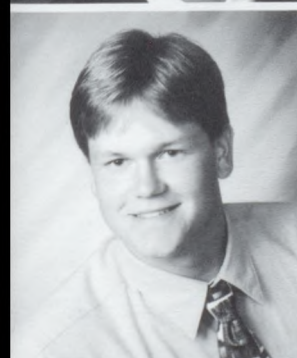
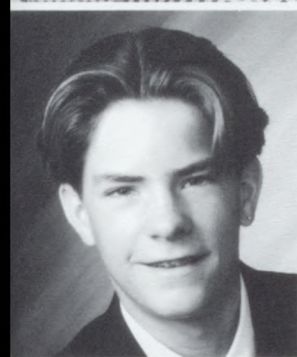
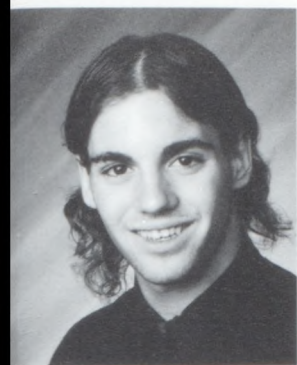
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Do you REMEMBER the times?

Do you remember how Shannon Woodhall always looked forward to saying hi to her grandma in the lunch line? Do you remember when Amy Myer and Brenda Tomenga had to be placed in separate classrooms in elementary because of the trouble they caused together? Or when Mr. Kruger accidentally left the spelling list on the board during a test and Brad Hartschen was the only one in the class who didn't get 100%? Ah, those were the times...

Experiences from kindergarten to 12th grade were shared at North End Diner the morning of senior breakfast. The senior class ate muffins and hash browns, listened to speakers and viewed a slide show of old photos. The theme, "Those Were the Times," fit the room filled with laughter and childhood memories. Senior Matt Warren said, "I thought it was cute that Mrs. Breeding wrote little anecdotes about our whole second grade class."

Others weren't so passionate about the experience. "It was cool to get the whole class together," said senior Randy Britson, "but it kind of got old after awhile- and I expected more food."

Many felt that the \$9.50 price tag was a bit much. "I liked the slide show," said senior Jon Gustason, "but the breakfast wasn't worth the \$9.50."

At the least, the class breakfast gave the seniors a chance to be together as a whole, and to enjoy a morning of entertaining stories- stories that prompt the phrase, "Those were the times- the times to remember." **Spread by Kris Tedesco**

**What is your
favorite
school
memory?**

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"I had drivers' ed one icy morning and I was going fast around a curb. I hit the brakes, let go of the wheel and ditched the car. Mr. Briggs and I had to wait for the bus to drive by to take us back to school."

Jennifer Hamilton
senior

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Waiting for the other tables to finish eating, seniors Brenda Tomenga and Kim Crouch enjoy a game of 21. After breakfast there were speakers and slides of the students. photo by Crystal Smith

Seniors Michelle Wiig, Angie Rittgers and Sarah Rains enjoy the breakfast of bacon, eggs, fruit, potatoes and muffins provided by North End Diner for the senior class. The breakfast was organized by the Junior/Senior Board and drew 142 senior attendees. photo by Crystal Smith

Why did
you go cliff-
jumping?

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“We went be-
cause the adven-
ture of jumping in
the air off cliffs was
really cool. It just
felt like you were
flying.”

Jennifer Heinen
senior

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D *taking the* DREADED *plunge* D

Although summer break was over and all students were back in school, there was one group of students who wouldn't let summer go. On September 18, twenty seniors decided to go to Lake Red Rock where they spent the day in the sun with friends and threw themselves from the cliffs that rose above the lake water.

The clan wasted no time getting there. “We all met at school and jumped into anybody's car. I rode with Michelle Shattuck and we drove 90 mph up there. We sped to get there in twenty-five minutes instead of the usual forty-five minutes,” said senior Carri Hansen.

When everyone got there, the seniors assembled in the parking lot and headed down the trail that led to the top of the cliffs. When they emerged from the woods, everybody who hadn't been there before was scared. Some were reassured to know that the cliff they had come onto was the highest there.

At first, most jumpers only braved the lower cliffs, but as the day wore on most of them had taken at least one leap off of the the highest cliff. “It was a rush to go cliff-jumping. A lot of people went and jumped off the highest cliff and hearing them scream was funny,” said senior Jay Christianson.

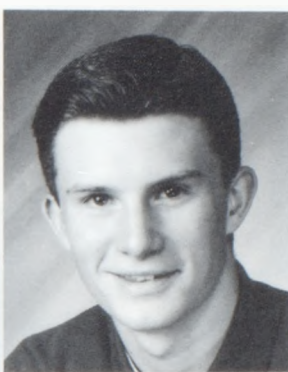
After a tiring day of basking in the sun and vaulting off cliffs, the weary seniors headed back up the trail to the parking lot. They then got into the same cars but this time drove home following the actual speed limit. **Spread by Danny Bright**



CLIFF-JUMPERS. Ryan Crowder, David Rittgers, Danielle Willey, Jeff Meyers, Heidi Johns, Carri Hansen, Lindsey Fischer, Libby Herrmann. **ROW 2.** Alex Jeffries, Heather Wheeler, Jay Christianson, Bree Chambers, Sarah Schreurs, Teresa White. **ROW 3.** Jeff Fisher, Chris Danner, Michelle Shattuck, T.J. Sciorrotta, Jennifer Heinen, Hady Fink.

Senior David Rittgers plummets from the highest cliff into Lake Red Rock. Senior Ryan Crowder awaits his turn atop the cliff while junior Nick Mitchell and senior Heather Wheeler spectate. photo by Danielle Willey





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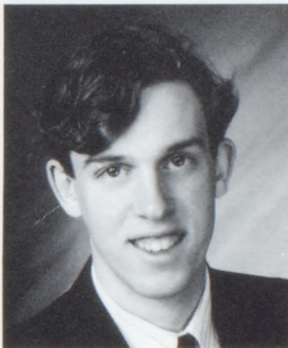
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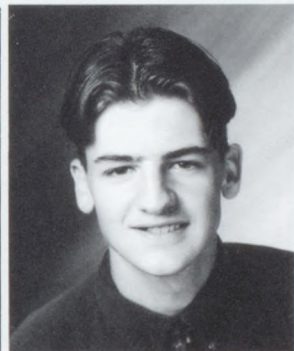
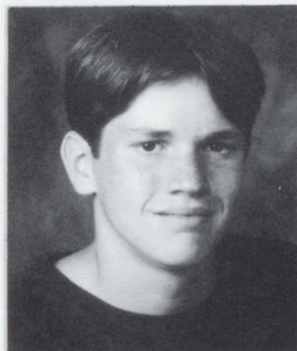
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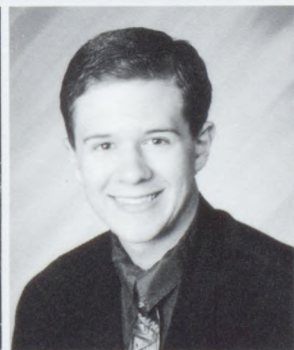
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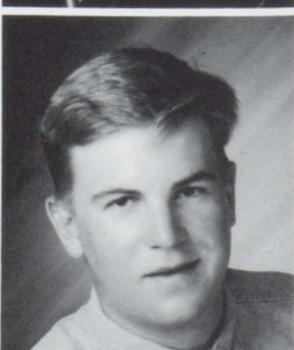
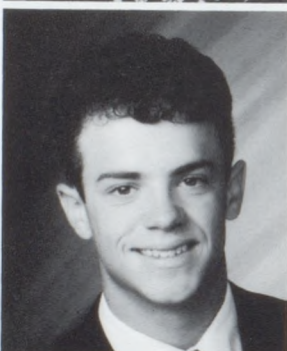
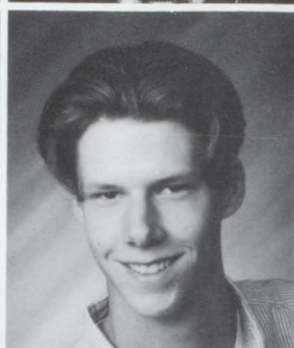
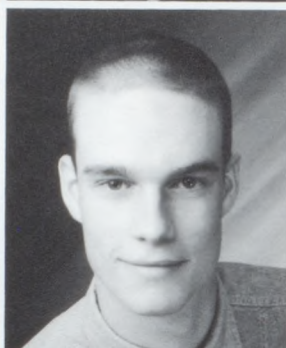
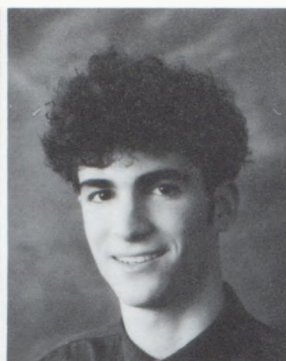
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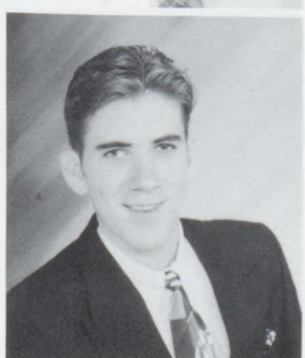
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"I tell you what, girls. Since we won tonight, let's celebrate by not having practice tomorrow," said the girls' soccer coach Dennis Georgen.

"But I think we still need to practice," replied the team. The team's ambition to improve and succeed was what carried them through the season. The first scrimmage, against an under-14 team, displayed the lack of experience and newness of the team. After almost losing to a team of such an age difference, the girls were compelled to better themselves. "We were so embarrassed. We wanted to kick butt the rest of the year," said freshman Millie Smith.

Improve was just what they did. With the leadership of the team captains and the help of the few experienced members, the team was able to cultivate the skills of the first-time players. "A lot of us didn't even know the rules and where to be," said senior Michelle Camden. "We were just confused and running around, but toward the end of the season we got it figured out."

The first-ever girls' soccer team had evolved. The girls formed a team. They started off with only blunt skills and practiced at their own will. They eventually made it to the state competition with their record of five wins, seven losses and one tie.

The premiere season of the team was a success in more than one way. Girls' soccer was sanctioned as a school sport. And despite the losing record, the girls were able to compete at the state level.

Story by Danielle Carroll

What will you remember most about playing soccer?

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"I'll never forget all the crap I got from my mom during the season. She didn't think it was very pretty to have lumps and bruises up and down my legs."

Erin Fisher
senior

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GIRLS' SOCCER. Andrea Sacco, Marisa Hansen, Erin Fisher **ROW 2.** Maria Brown, Heather Rains, Millie Smith, Michelle Camden, Jenny Hunter, Melissa Mattern, Marcia Mattern, Mary Beth Whitehill **ROW 3.** Coach Dennis Georgen, Jennifer Georgen, Missy Knowles, Stephanie Nichols, Sara Hill, Crystal Smith, Theresa Timmins, Angela Schaad, Sarah Rippey, Felisha Montero, Margo McCravy.

- **S**enior Andrea Sacco hustles to retrieve the ball from the opponent during a game against Dowling.
- Sacco was a co-captain as well as the leading scorer for the team. photo by Barb Johns

What is your
favorite
hockey
memory?

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"It is when I started
my first varsity
game as a sopho-
more. That was a
big deal."
Blake Cruikshank
senior

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N — playing a — N NICE, CLEAN — game of hockey —

The game was delayed just long enough to scrape the blood off the ice. Then the Des Moines Capitals Hockey team was back in the game. The team consisted of players from Johnston, Ankeny, Hoover, S.E. Polk, Dowling and Valley. Games got rough at times but serious injuries were few, and team members were used to getting hit.

"You don't really feel it," said junior Matt Anderson. "You've got pads on and the walls give a little, so it's not like hitting a concrete wall."

"I got hit the hardest after a Waterloo guy gave a real cheap shot to Matt Anderson and cut him up good," said junior defensive man Marc Leigh. "The guys had been trying to get him back all game. He weighed a good 250 pounds so when we hit we just stayed there. He knocked the wind out of me. Then, there was another guy on top of me. The game was stopped again."

Anderson, who took the initial blow, received 12 stitches across his forehead and was treated for a concussion. He returned in time to play the next weekend at the varsity state tournament.

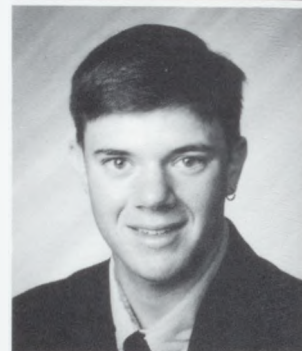
"We lost three to one against Mason City (in the tournament) but we played well," said senior Blake Cruikshank. "The game went back and forth."

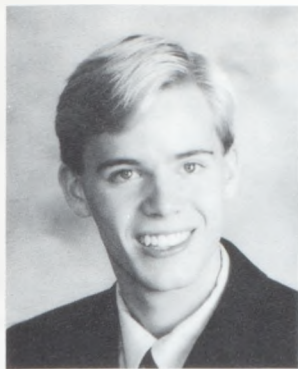
The Capitals placed third in the tournament and escaped with no injuries after playing several "clean" games. They finished the season with a record of 19-8. **Spread by Jennifer Jones**



DES MOINES CAPITALS HOCKEY. Scott Fales, Marc Leigh, Jeremy Comer, Blake Cruikshank, Matt Anderson.

The puck goes flying as junior Marc Leigh gets hit from behind during a game in the JV state tournament. The Capitals hosted the event and placed second. The JV team finished the season in first place with a record of 17-6-1. photo by Jennifer Jones





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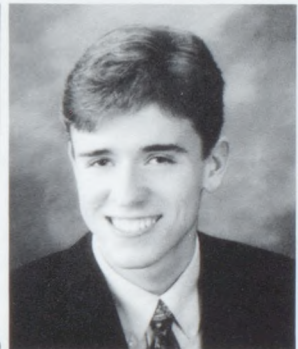
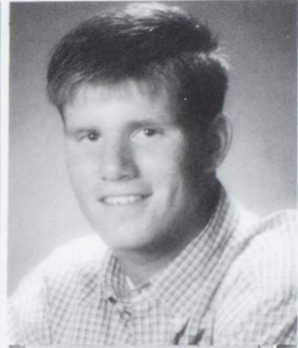
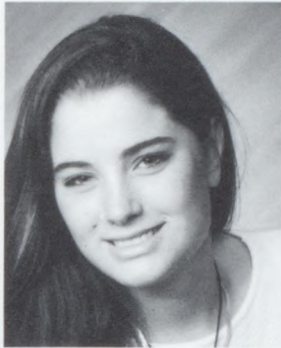
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 John Hall
 Tim Halling
 Sarah Hamilton
 Doug Hammond
 Marisa Hansen
 Jason Hasband



Marching patriotically in sequence in the homecoming parade, sophomore Jeff Thompson and junior Greg Tibboel keep step alongside juniors Shawn Ites, Brad Schonhorst and freshman Kari Lane as they carry and present the American, Iowa and school flags. photo by Steve Ring

TRAINING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

What single course offered students the chance to learn history, leadership skills and first aid? Whether to prepare for a military career or to learn better map skills, the Reserves' Officer Training Corps supplied students with the necessary resources to learn these life skills.

ROTC students traveled to Hoover High School each morning for their daily leadership lessons. By having third year students, or platoon sergeants, help lead class activities, leadership was learned firsthand. "As a platoon sergeant they put you in different situations," said junior Mike Bennett. "At ROTC I'm a leader in the classroom, but when I'm not there, I'm expected to be a leader in other places too."

Discipline, too, was instilled among the many students. Freshman Kari Lane said, "ROTC has taught me how important it is to study for my tests. For every question we miss we have to do ten push-ups."

While preparing ambitious students for a look at what the military has to offer, students became engulfed in the importance of leadership and discipline in their everyday lives.
Spread by Emily Gelormino



JUNIORS



ROTC. Kari Lane, Matt Schonhorst, P.J. Wills. **ROW 2.** Michael Bennett, Brad Schonhorst, Shawn Ites, Adam Foster, P.J. Korte. **ROW 3.** Jeff Thompson, Greg Tibboel, Steve Rodriguez, David Hawkins.

YOU'VE GOT GREAT GENES

Safety Kid Rule #4: "Respect your body-give your genes a chance!" This was one of the five reasons not to use drugs, said the Safety Kids in their presentation. Both groups performed for elementary kids all over Des Moines.

Why would high schoolers want to spend their free time like this? Junior Pat McGowan said, "Hopefully we can change the way a few kids think. Also, it's motivational for me- I made the commitment to myself not to do drugs and being in Safety Kids helps me keep that."

How can they prove that it works? "The kids look up to us- we're great role models," said junior Leanna Morris. "We have an agreement to practice what we preach. Little kids will recognize us at the mall and say, 'Hey, you're a Safety Kid!' We can't be smoking or wearing Bud hats."

The groups sing, dance, and act out a skit including interaction with the kids. "When we dance with them, we try to pick out the ones that need a lift," said junior Jodi Hill. "One time we chose a kid who was leaving for his grandparents' house that week because his parents were using drugs. That shows the need for programs such as ours." **Spread by Kris Tedesco**

Juniors Buck Olsen, Pat McGowan, Heather Smith, Beth Marvin and Jennifer Porto show kids how to respect their bodies during a performance at Clive Elementary. Two Safety Kids groups performed at nearby schools on early dismissal afternoons in order to teach kids about the dangers of drugs. photo by Kris Tedesco



JUNIORS

SAFETY KIDS GROUP 1. Sara Hill, Danielle Carroll, Tara Guttridge. **ROW 2.** Renee Ebke, Joann Stark, Jodi Hill.



SAFETY KIDS GROUP 2. Beth Marvin, Buck Olsen, Jennifer Porto, Pat McGowan, Leanna Morris.





Lisa Henning
Jeremy Hietbrink
Jodi Hill
Justin Hoefling
Mark Hornback
Tim Hruska
Chrissie Huisman



Shawn Ites
Nicholas Iwig
Katie Jacobsen
Courtney Johnson
John Jones
Kate Jones
Jodee Kennel



Bryan King
Cory Kiper
Cody Koch
P.J. Korte
Matthew Krejci
Matt Kunert
Douglas Langworthy



Marcus Leigh
Cory Liljedahl
Rebecca Longmire
Matt Lundberg
Ryan Maasen
Matt Madison
Chad Markin



M.J. Martin II
Beth Marvin
Katie Matulka
Brian McCleary
Kevin McConnell
Kistin McConnell
Pat McGowan



Emily Medina
Becky Miller
Kendra Mills
Brenda Mitchell
Nick Mitchell
Juliane Morgan
Leanna Morris



Anne Mullenix
Seamus Murphy
Lisa Musselman
Sara Myer
Lisa Nauman
Tim Nemmers
Kelly Newsom



Brian Nichols
John Nichols
Joel Noble
Buck Olsen
Shon Olson
M. Todd Pembroke
James Peterson



Marcie Peterson
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Curt Pizinger
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Brent Routson
April Ruggles
Eric Sable
Robin Sanders
Emily Sather
Jessica Scheuchl
Brad Schonhorst

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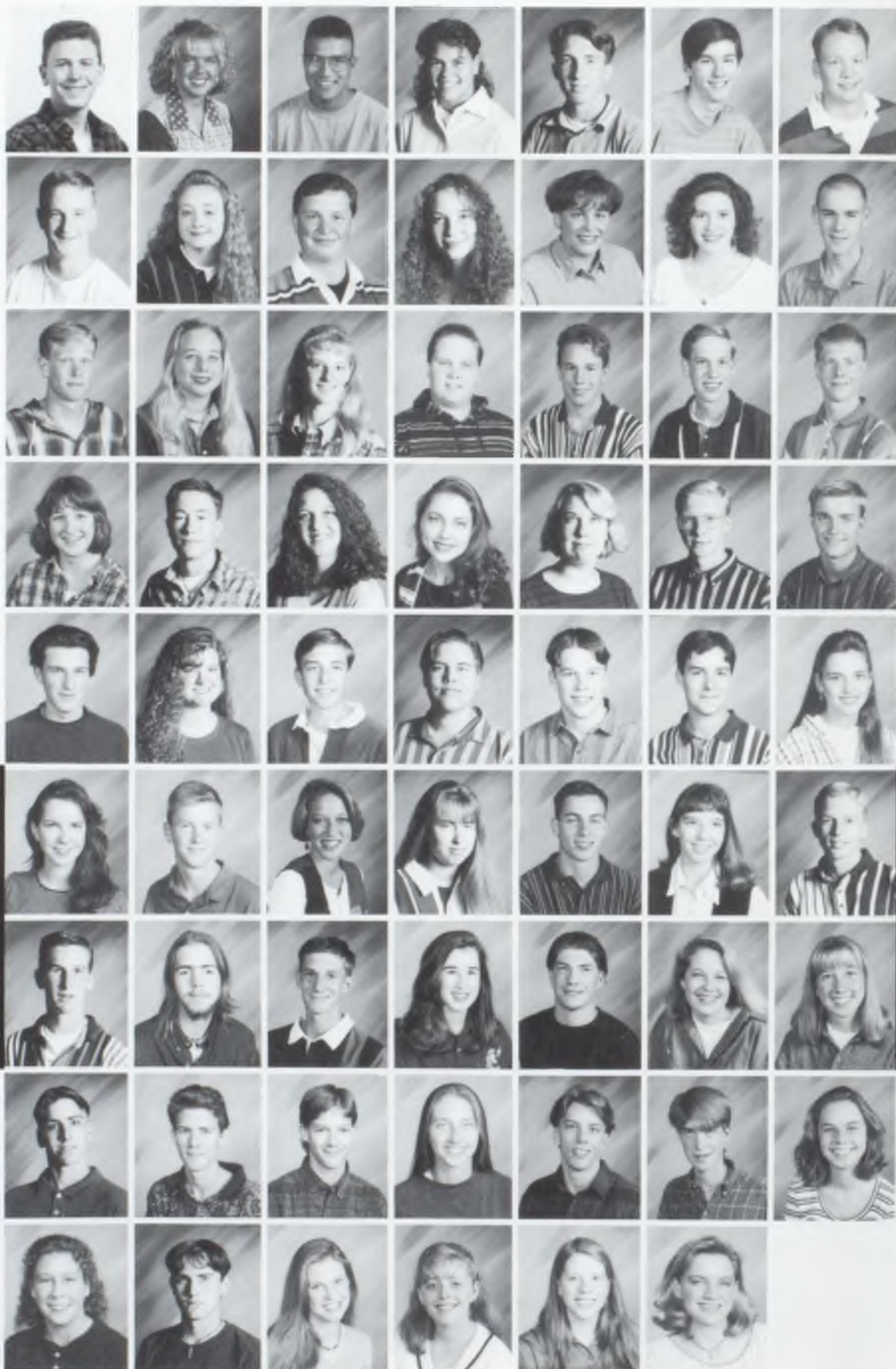
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Kristy Wilges
Mike Willcox
Dani Williams
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Preparing some packets for Mrs. Denise Book's Algebra II class was just one of sophomore cadet teacher Casey Abler's many duties. She also corrected papers and answered students' questions when she could. photo by Cody Koch

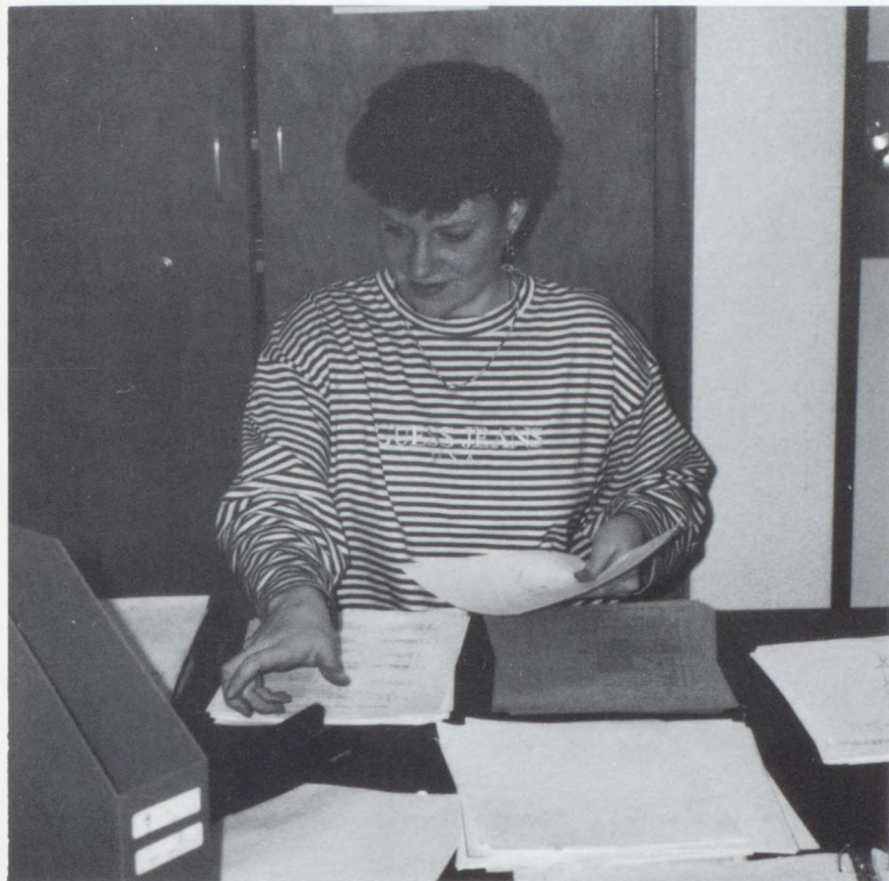
CADET TEACHERS PLAN AHEAD

Preparing their own future as well as the future of those around them, cadet teachers performed tasks to free up time for the teachers they were assisting. "It has definitely helped me in time. I have time to prepare lessons rather than staple or make copies," said faculty member Mrs. Denise Book.

Stapling and copying were just a few of the duties cadet teachers performed. "Sometimes they actually prepare recipes and answer questions in class," said home economics teacher Mrs. Molly Lauen. Cadet teachers' duties ranged from keeping students on task to cleaning up the room.

Although having to make a few sacrifices, such as not having a study hall, the cadet teachers got exposure to the responsibilities of being a teacher. It put the student in a position of authority and helped them learn some organizational skills as well.

"It makes me respect my teachers a lot more and what they put up with," said sophomore cadet teacher Casey Abler. "It takes a lot of hard work and patience." **Spread by Cody Koch**



JUNIORS

"Cadet teaching lets the students look at one aspect of teaching. They get to spend some time tutoring and doing things I would normally do. Another aspect is the grading. They get to see what goes into students' grades."

Mr. Steve Smith, teacher

I CAN'T HEAR A WORD YOU'RE SAYING

Bright lights, loud music and mosh pits were just a few experiences students encountered during concerts. These concerts ranged from the rock of The Rolling Stones to the alternative sounds of The Samples.

Preparing for a concert was a major part of the experience. Many students tailgated or ate at nearby restaurants to ensure that they entered the concert with a full stomach and plenty of energy.

"We all went to the donut shop and drank a lot of water so that we wouldn't get dehydrated. Then we laced up the combat boots and hid our wallets," said junior Greg Tibboel who attended the Nine Inch Nails concert at Carver Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City.

Along with the thrills and excitement of attending a live performance, some students encountered a few side effects. "Driving back home after the Rolling Stones concert was really weird. We had a lot to talk about but we had to yell at each other because the concert was so loud," said junior Kevin McConnell.

Despite a few inconveniences some students encountered, many gave Ticketmaster a return phone call. **Spread by Steve Ring**

Before attending The Rolling Stones concert, seniors Erin Fisher, Andrea Sacco and Michelle Camden make hamburger patties while tailgating. The concert was held on October 1 at Cyclone Stadium in Ames. photo by Tom Crall



SOPHOMORES

"I couldn't believe it! I was in the same building as Janet Jackson! It was so loud and the crowd was going nuts. Although I was kind of disappointed because I didn't get to see her belly button."

Alicia Frasier, '97



Jennifer Abbott
Casey Abler
Jared Adams
Jeff Allen
Liz Ancell
Kevin Anderson



Kelly Angstrom
Paolo Ansaldo
Nick Baker
Scott Baker
Jade Baltazar
Stacey Barnard



Kellie Barney
Todd Bass
Alicia Baumgarn
Matt Bean
Erin Behanish
Amanda Benson



Jessica Berens
Emily Betz
Travis Beveridge
Joe Bickel
Sarah Bidney
Shea Braune



Beau Brindley
Emily Brown
Ellen Bryant
Jill Cameron
Morgan Cavanaugh
Jason Ceretti



Amanda Coates
Wendi Collins
Adam Corcoran
Jeff Cottrell
Angela Cox
Ryan Crabb



Chad Curtis
Tony D'Antuono
Jennifer Davis
Jessica Dawson
Marie DeBor
Angela De Hamer



Nelson Dougherty
Justin Ehm
Josh Fausch
Matt Fisher

Sean Flannery
Pete Floren
Amanda Fox
Alicia Frasier
Billy Freeman
Brian Freeman



Alyssa Friedow
Joe Garcio
Lisa Gentile
Jennifer Georgen
Kevin Goering
Eddie Goff



Jared Grant
Valarie Hall
Dallas Hampton
Casey Hansen
Mark Hansen
Angie Hefner



Mitch Henry
Michael Herman
Sarah Hill
Beau Hilger
Keith Hoppe
Katie Hoss



Emilie Houle
Samantha Hufford
Jenny Hunter
Krista Jackson
Alexi Jameson
Amanda Jamison



Ryan Jayne
Stacy Jensen
MaryAnn Johnson
Ken Jones
Tim Keck
Kyla Kiester



Monica Kim
Shane Kinsey
David Klipec
B.J. Knapp
Chris Kroeger
Debra Kruse



Mitch Kunert
Jake Lamberg
Cheryl Larson
Reeanna Larson



Discussing dues, sophomore Chad Odland and TSA instructor Mr. Ron Trobaugh chart the organization's money balance. Members paid \$3 to compete state wide and \$5 to compete nationally. TSA collected dues in the beginning of the year to ensure a chance to compete. photo by Mark Stookey

EXPANDING EXSITING MINDS

Meeting every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the middle school technology room, the members of TSA gathered to continue the nonstop process of expanding their knowledge.

With the instruction of Mr. Ron Trobaugh these few students offered each other ideas about new technology.

"TSA is basically a club for anyone who is interested in technology and how it can benefit them in the future," said Trobaugh.

Not just technology know how was obtained through this organization.

"The most important skill I've learned this year is probably dedication and an open mind when it comes to new ideas," said freshman Jason Brehmer.

TSA was a year round active club that competed in many events state wide, and nationally. The club left state with two trophies. Derek Trobaugh won third place safety poster and Kevin McConnell and Trobaugh recieved second place in structural engineering.

Throughout the year TSA proved that technology was the expansion to the future.
Spread by Cheryl Larson



SOPHOMORES



ROW 1. Marc Leigh, Kevin McConnell, Chris Palmer, Vachel White, Chad Odland. **ROW 2.** Scott Fales, Brent Rouston, Derek Trobaugh.

RESHAPING AND BUILDING BODIES

Molding stronger bodies as well as minds occupied students' free time. With the rising awareness of physical fitness students sought their ideal body goals through exercise.

"Keeping fit is sometimes a challenge, but it can be fun. I feel better about myself after I've finished a tough workout," said sophomore Alyssa Friedow.

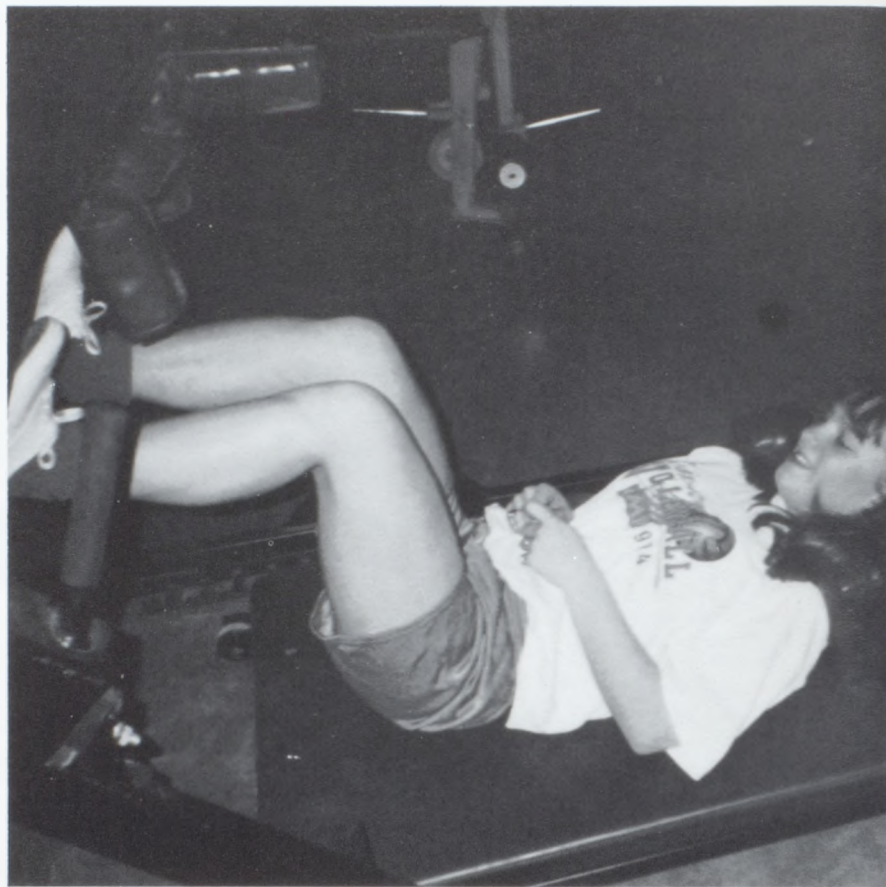
Whether at a gym, weight room or home, students took advantage of available facilities and transformed and improved their bodies.

Sophomore Nick Snowden and his family belonged to Oakmoor Raquetball-Health Center. "Going to Oakmoor is kind of a family bonding time. It's a chance for my family to be together," said Snowden.

But not everyone had a membership to a health club. Some students opted for the open gym at the high school held before or after school. "I use the weight room whenever I can, which is often," sophomore Keith Hoppe said.

Curling dumbbells and running countless miles were a few of the many elements involved in reaching a state of fitness. **Spread by Cheryl Larson**

Sophomore Amber Petersen takes advantage of the sled machine before school. Petersen was one of many students that used the weight room. "I think it's great that anyone can use the weight room anytime before or after school," said Petersen. photo by Cheryl Larson



SOPHOMORES

"I have always been one of the smallest kids in my grade. People always referred to me as 'Little Wattier.' Now I'm changing that by working out and building stronger muscles. So maybe next year in football I won't be the one getting hit. Instead, I can do some of the hitting."

Brian Wattier, '97



Melissa Layman
Holly Leto
Diane Lindhoff
Jenna Logan
Brendan Mahoney
Jamie Mai



Rob Maloney
Meghan Mandsager
Ryan McClanahan
Mandy McConnelee
Drew McConnell
Jason Meade



Whitney Mercer
Brooke Miller
Eve Mitchell
Tom Meyers
Nick Nichols
Penny Nichols



Sarah Nichols
Pat Nigon
Tyler Nissen
Christine Notis
Danny O'Hollearn
Chad Odland



Mark Oiler
Ben Oviatt
Heather Patterson
Lauren Pendergraft
Amber Petersen
Luke Peterson



Todd Pollard
Joe Ramirez
Heather Raney
Steve Reay
Jason Reber
Jenny Reed



Jason Reis
Robb Rice
Megan Riley
Shawn Riley
Sarah Rippey
Amy Roberts



Melissa Roberts
Ryan Roeth
Ryan Rohlfs
Ryan Ruisch

Monty Rutledge
Alyssa Samuelson
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Shana Sellers

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Jim Wynn
Jana Yanders
Brandon Young
Chase Young



Opening the door to Java Joes, sophomore Sarah Bidney reads the upcoming events calendar. The coffee shop often had live entertainment to watch including local poets, musicians and artists. photo by Missy Roberts

IT'S ON THE CATWALK

Pounding music, smokey rooms and sweaty flesh couldn't stop many students from dancing the night away at local night clubs.

Papa Smithsons', located downtown, was a club for students looking for the latest in dance music. The establishment attracted a number of students from all over the city and surrounding suburbs despite the \$5 cover fee, a strict dress code and crowded conditions. "There aren't a lot of other places you can go when you are under 18," said sophomore Kellie Barney, citing one of the reasons that made it so popular, along with a catwalk where dancers could be seen by all.

Another club was the country and western bar, Guitars and Cadillacs. Students could line dance on Sundays during family night, turning the weeknight bar into a dance stage for all ages. "I got free line dancing lessons and they played good music," said junior Pat McGowan.

Around the city and suburbs, if one looked in the right places, people could be found dancing the night away and pulsating their bodies to the beat of the music. **Spread by Missy Roberts**



SOPHOMORES

"Java Joes has cool music and good coffee. A lot of friendly people work there. Everyone gets along, they just vibe. They have all kinds of music, from folk to polka."

Joe Ramirez, '97

STUDENTS EXPLORE THEIR FAITH

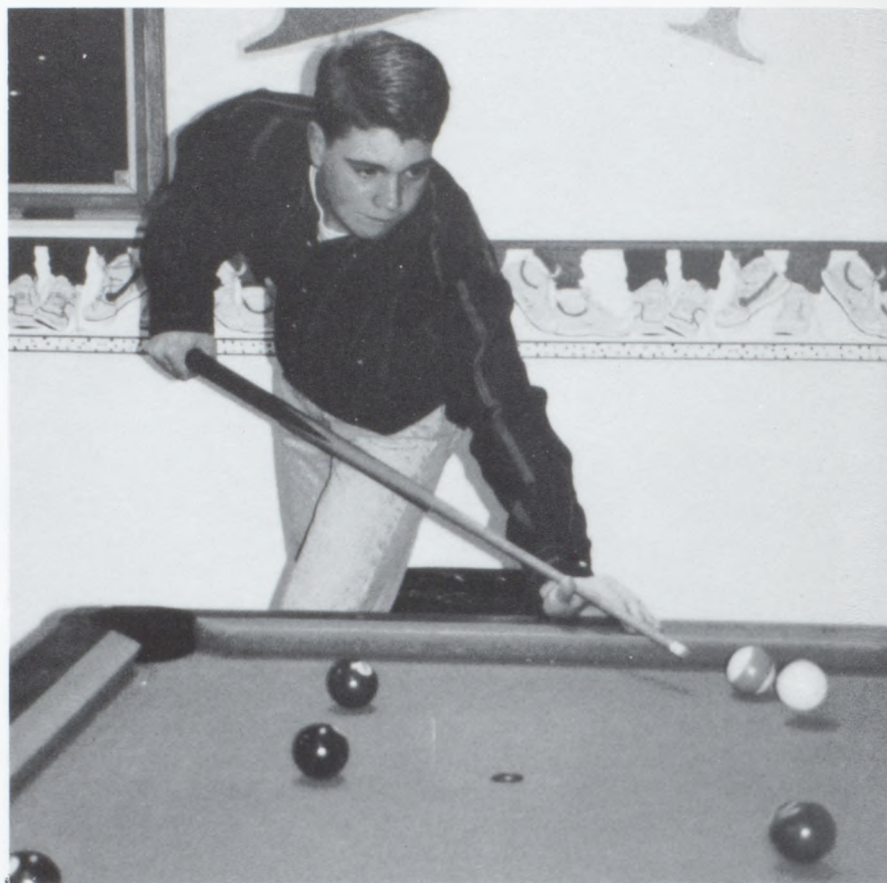
Many students volunteered time to witness their faith in other parts of the world. "Dealing with inner city kids made me value my life more after seeing how they lived," said sophomore Katie Hoss. During her summer vacation Hoss took a missionary trip to Los Angeles, California, where she and others from her church helped in a bible school.

Other activities in which youth group members participated included ski trips and national youth gatherings. "Over Thanksgiving break, Steve Ring invited me to a youth gathering held at the University Park Holiday Inn," said junior Pat McGowan. "It was neat to see so many people my age interested in religion."

Another activity was church camps. "This past summer two kids from my youth group and I went to Break Away Open Bible Camp in Cedar Rapids. It was a new experience watching others my age come to terms with their faith," said junior Jennifer Gilchrist.

As youth groups gathered throughout the year, the main idea of God being a part of every-day life, was constantly impressed upon its members. **Spread by Mark Stookey**

Freshman Nick Parenza shoots pool with junior youth group member Cory Liljedahl. Parenza and Liljedahl passed the time while members arrived for their meeting on Wednesday night, at Meredith Drive Reformed Church. photo by Mark Stookey



FRESHMEN

"Our youth group went to the Des Moines Buccaneers' hockey game at the ice arena. During the 'Hey' song Wes Nyberg and Ed McAtee stood up and danced in front of everyone. After the game Jennifer Gilchrist and I got to talk with some really cute guys from the team."

Morgan Cavanaugh, '97



Dave Allison
Erik Allison
Jeff Anderson
Jeremy Anderson
John Anderson
Kent Anderson
Leah Anderson

Rochelle Anderson
Nicole Baird
Chad Baker
Ben Bass
Sarah Batchelder
Adrienne Bates
Lisa Beaman

Jennifer Bell
Nathan Benn
Stephanie Black
Nate Blair
Jered Boley
Sarah Borchard
Calvin Brasch

Jason Brehmer
Lindsey Boyles
Meredith Brewer
Daniel Brown
Kelli Brown
Maria Brown
Tiffany Buban

Brooke Burbank
Reggie Burke
Beckie Burnett
Kevin Burpee
Michelle Casto
Matt Chatham
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 Jessica Leiendecker
 Sean Lester
 Jessica Ligas

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Kristopher Logue
 Jacob Lohr
 Matt Longmire
 Zachary Lovett
 Tim Luse
 Aditya Mahajan
 Amy Martens



Displaying her white-painted face, senior Marisa Baumgarn isolates herself in Advanced Biology during Red Ribbon Week. SADD members painted faces to represent deaths from drunk driving accidents. photo by Emily Gelormino

PLAYING DEAD TO PREVENT DEATHS

"Hey corpse, can't talk? Are you dead?" These phrases were heard on October 27 when SADD members participated in Red Ribbon Week. They pretended to die in drunk driving accidents by painting their faces white, dressing in black and not talking or showing emotion.

"I felt secluded from the rest of the world," said sophomore Sara Hill. "If I didn't prove my point of not wanting to be dead to others, I did to myself."

Throughout Red Ribbon Week, SADD members partook in many activities including hanging poetry in the halls and passing out red ribbons. "We tied ribbons on cars to encourage people to not drink and drive," said SADD secretary, senior Heather Wheeler. "It was supposed to remind them that it is illegal and dangerous."

Members also helped people affected by driving drunk. They held a dance to raise money and had a Christmas party where gifts were wrapped for the children of jailed drunk drivers.

Acting dead and tying ribbons unfurled a message to not drink and drive. SADD used its time to display this point and help those affected by it. **Spread by Tara Guttridge**



FRESHMEN



SADD. Millie Smith, Jodi Hill, Beth Marvin, Danielle Carroll. **ROW 2.** Michelle Shattuck, Courtney Johnson, Sara Hill, Joann Stark, Heather Smith.

THE UNSEEN PART OF THE TEAM

"A good manager is invaluable to a sports team," said Coach Gary Auxier. Sports managers helped the coaches with jobs that they didn't have time to do themselves. Without managers all those details like sorting uniforms, filling water bottles and keeping the medical supplies up-to-date might have gone undone.

"We probably commit as much time as the players do. We spend 12-15 hours a week going to all the practices and games," said junior Kristin McConnell.

Managers committed this time attending practices and games for many reasons. Senior Clint Fuller said, "I love basketball and by being a manager I can be part of the team and still focus on training for other sports."

Many enjoyed being managers, but at times some felt unappreciated. "The freshmen players don't say thanks. Things change as they get older though. The upperclassmen thank us," said freshman Amy Martens.

Even though the managers did not play in the games, the time and energy they devoted enabled the players and coaches to focus on their jobs. **Spread by Joann Stark**

Sophomore Kevin Anderson lays out a towel for the basketball players to wipe off their feet. Anderson managed the cross country and girls' basketball teams. "I like being a manager because it gives me a chance to get involved and to help the team out," said Anderson. photo by Joann Stark

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FRESHMEN

"Being a manager can be really stressful. By the end of the season I didn't want to be one anymore. People don't realize how much time it takes up. There's a lot of hours and things we do that nobody sees. At times it can seem as though we're not appreciated."

Katie McClure, '98



Chrystal Martin
Marcia Mattern
Melissa Mattern
Jeffrey May
Taryn McAdam
Edward McAtee
Kendra McBurney

Katie McClure
Margo McCravy
Ryan McGowan
Carolyn Merrill
Lyna Milbrandt
Jason Milburn
Ben Molayal

Felisha Montero
Jorie Moravec
Corrien Mundy
Jeremy Neswold
Stephanie Nichols
Adam Nieting
Shelly Nissen

Dayan Noble
Wes Nyberg
Erin O'Brien
Lisa Odland
Nick Parenza
Jodi Peitzman
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Randy Post
Jeremiah Pugh
Kevin Purl
Heather Rains
Robert Reese
Karen Rewaj
Alexander Ricard

Tonya Riley
Steve Roth
James Rudolph
Erin Russom
Leah Rutherford
Angela Schaad
Matt Schonhorst

Jed Schmidt
Carrie Schroeder
Dana Schultz
Anne Sciorrotta
Cory Sebastian
Brian Sellner
Shawn Sellner

Brad Sewell
Kevin Shafer
Elizabeth Simpson
Celeste Six
Shauna Sleep
Shelby Sleep
Kelly Sloan

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Valeria Sloan-Lyon
Amanda Smart
Lanie Smith
Millie Smith
Shane Smith
Sarah Smith
Crystal Soper

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Stephanie Southard
Jessie Staley
Robert Stephenson
Shawn Stetson
Michael Stevens
Lisa Stradley
Micah Sturdevant

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Keriann Sullivan
Charles Terhune
Amanda Thomas
Christopher Thomas
Chad Thompson
Dan Thompson
Jon Thoren

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Billy Tiernan
Theresa Timmins
Jason Timmons
Kelly Trees
Josh Van Oort
Andy Vis
Kate Vocolka

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Tammy Walz
Nicci Ware
Jessica Way
Jennifer Weaver
Rachel Webster
Josh Wells
Justin West

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Brent Whipps
Emile White
Mary Beth Whitehill
Eric Wilcutt
Amanda Willcox
Chris Willem
Andrew Wilson

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Katie Wong
Kelly Woodward



Studying their music, seniors Danny Bright, S.W. Winrich and Shannon Hildreth prepare to begin practice after school for the newly formed men's chorus. The males participating in this new chorus practiced every Tuesday afternoon to rehearse for their contests. photo by Jared Grant

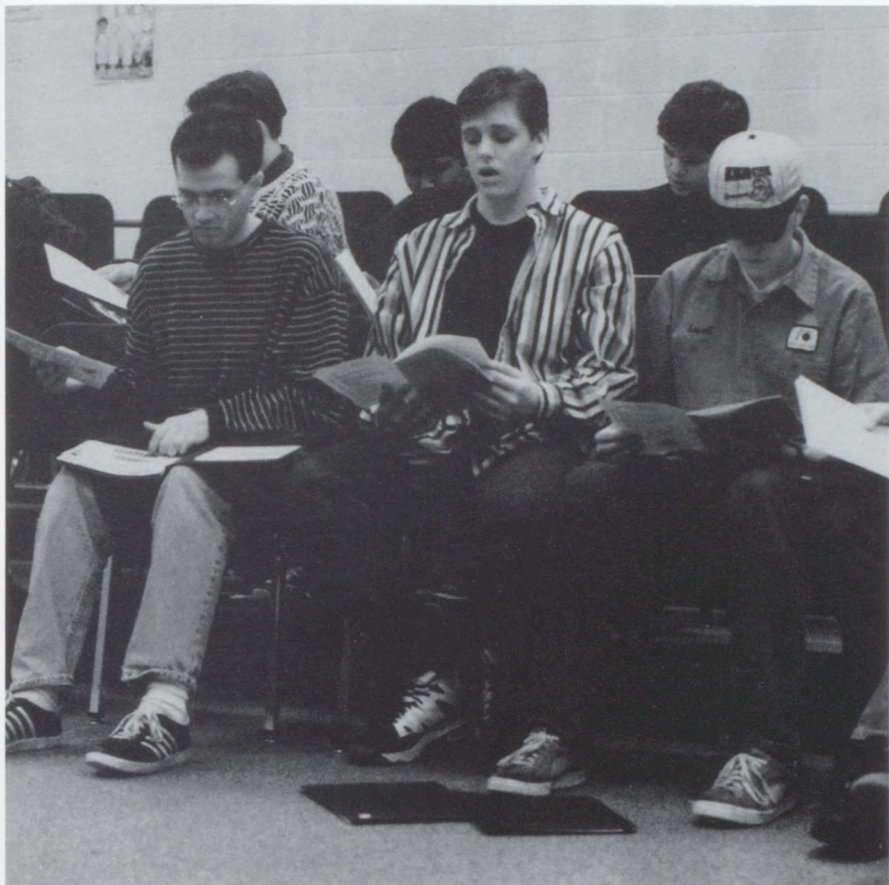
SINGING FOR PIZZA AND PRAISE

A new sound resonated from the choral room. Previously unheard sounds came booming from the voices of the recently formed Bass Cleff Chorus.

There were a few reasons for the formation of an exclusively male chorus. "First, there is no opportunity for males to sing in groups except in small group competitions," said choral director Mrs. Jody White. "Secondly, it's to keep males interested in singing." The group's first meeting, in late October, was a pizza and bonding party to attract more singers into the group. The group met for an hour every Tuesday after school for practice.

The group performed at the Men's Choral Festival at Benton Community School held in Van Horne, Iowa, on February 13. "We knew we were going to be good this year, as good or better than last year. We were trying to work hard and be better at singing. Plus, while we were at the festival we really out classed everyone," said sophomore Michael Herrmann.

While the new men's chorus gained contest experience, they also grasped new aspects of singing. **Spread by Jared Grant**



FRESHMEN



MEN'S CHORUS. Danny Bright, Robert Larson, Matt Longmire, Shannon Hildreth. **ROW 2.** Mark Hornback, Aaron Hornback, Zachry Christensen, Sean Flannery, Michael Herrmann, Ben Molayal. **ROW 3.** Brad Sturtz, S.W. Winrich, Ben Oviatt, Bryan Burkhardt, Lee Fillingsness.

NEW TEACHERS GAIN AN EDGE

With years of college behind them new teachers were still learning. But now, it was in a classroom of their own. With hands-on work they were able to add a personal edge to their technique of teaching.

"I have learned more in one semester here than I did in three years of college," said math instructor Mrs. Stephanie Groathouse.

With the lack of in-class teaching experience new teachers occasionally turned to mentors for guidance and answers to questions. "Mentoring provided the opportunity to bounce ideas off each other in trying to problem solve things in the classroom," said resource instructor Mrs. Sheryl Hill.

While questions were answered and classes brought under control, new teachers settled into their routine. "I believe the students look up to me more now because I have more confidence and they know how I teach," said science instructor Mrs. Kathleen Schweizer.

With their new-found confidence, new teachers found lessons to be learned and discovered an edge to teaching. **Spread by Crystal Smith**

Giving a few helpful hints, math instructor Rick Brooks aids junior Laura Block with Algebra II homework. After graduation from Waverly College, Brooks taught at Baxter High School for two years before coming to Johnston. photo by Crystal Smith



FACULTY

"The nature of this position involves constant changes. I'm still absorbing things around me and developing my own opinion. At this point, I'm just trying to verify things or give direction. At times I have to make the decision whether to step in or let a situation evolve itself on its own."

Dr. Jim Casey, Principal



Barb Allen/Nurse
Garry Auxier/Math
Denise Book/Math
Dennis Briggs/Science
Judy Briles/Office



Justin Carlson/Behavior Disorder
Dr. Jim Casey/Principal
Phyllis Caswell/English, Drama
Sue Cline/Social Studies
Kelly Fenton-Coleman/SCIN Asst.



Mary Coppock/Interpreter
Terrance Frisch/Science
Stephanie Groathouse/Math
Arlene Gunhus/Guidance
Sheryl Hill/Resource



Jerry Kinder/History
Anne Koth/English
Larry Lawler/Social Studies
Susan McCravy/World Studies
Mary Moermond/French



Maurine Morris/Office
Mark Muehlenthaler/SCIN
Craig Oldham/Business
Jessica Paff/Band
Cindy Partington/English, Psychology



Cheryl Pitts/English
Dave Pitz/Government, Sociology
Joyce Rash/Spanish
Mary Schilling/Special Ed.
Kathleen Schweizer/Science



Evelyn Sewell/Special Ed. Asst.
Leslie Shipp/English, Journalism
Steve Smith/Math
Jerry Stratton/Social Studies
Larry Strickler/P.E.



Kay Van Farowe/Math
Jan Ver Hoef/Office
Julie Walk/P.E.
Jody White/Vocal Music

Fine Arts



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Warming up before the jazz band competition, freshman Bill Knapp III runs through his drum music one last time. photo by Mark Stookey



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Seniors Kelly Kohles and Ann Haag play their parts in the spring play entitled *Beanie and the Bamboozling Book Machine*. photo by Missy Roberts



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Freshmen Angela Schaad, Edward McAtee, Shelly Nissen and Jason Brehmer dance to the song *Choo-Choo-Ch'Boogie* at the winter chorus concert. photo by Danielle Carroll



cross the country, recreation was how many of the villagers spent their free time away from the castle.

Music played a large part of this recreation as villagers gathered to combine both voices and instruments to create beautiful melodies. Many of these music groups even traveled hours to compete against other villages like Earlham and Cedar Rapids Jefferson. Still, other townspeople's interests lay in the art of live performance. These villagers played roles of others as they performed acts such as *Death and Fame*. As free time ended the villagers returned to the castle to resume their studies...



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Dancing to the song *Broadway Baby*, senior Julie Cottrell prepares for the Jefferson Show Choir competition that was held on March 4. Innovation earned second runner-up at both Jefferson and at the Urbandale Show Choir competition that took place February 11. photo by Crystal Smith

"When we were practicing one morning the first period A day P.E. class was running on the track. Dave Rittgers was watching us and ran right into a bench."

-Alexi Jameson, '98



Glidestepping in a GARBAGE CAN

They got the call on a summer day in August, three days before marching band camp. Mr. Albrecht had emergency surgery and would not be able to teach marching band. Miss Paff had three days to find music and choreograph drills in order to put together a halftime show.

"I went to Rieman's and picked out the music," said Paff. "I knew it would be well-received and it came in a neat package."

After choosing the music from Disney's movie *The Lion King*, Paff decided

to introduce a corps marching style with a glide step and verbal commands. "It worked well because it (the band) was so largely freshmen," said senior field conductor Jill Norviel. "We had a lot of young minds to teach who were willing to learn something new."

The colorguard also learned things quickly because Paff had no flag experience. "My sister and I took flags out into the backyard and started twirling them. Things just started happening," said junior flag captain Jen Porto.

After weeks of practicing early mornings before school and putting it all together for performances on Friday nights, only one thing fell through, Miss Paff herself. "One night Miss Paff forgot to bring the ladder out on the field," said freshman Missy Knowles. "So, she had to stand on a garbage can instead and she fell through."

The band was able to adjust to a new director and marching style while providing halftime entertainment. **Spread by Jennifer Jones**

BRASS. Alexander Ricard, Mark Stookey, Errin Clark, Beth Ann Nelson, Jade Baltazar, Michelle Casto. **ROW 2.** Aditya Mahajan, Nate Blair, Matt Longmire, Ben Malayal, Jason Schissel, Megan Bengard, Bryan Burkhardt, Ben Hicks. **ROW 3.** Bill Sims, P.J. Holmertz, S.W. Winrich, Bryan Stennes, Greg Waldrop, Tony Dunskey, Beau Brindley



CLARINETS/PERCUSSION. Erin Russom, Jennifer Georgen, Christina Schwab, Wes Nyberg, Jill Norviel. **ROW 2.** Val Hall, Courtney Johnson, Monica Kim, Morgan Cavanaugh, Sherri Winrich, Lisa Koch, Brooke Burbank.



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Junior Mark Stookey plays his trumpet duet during "Can You Feel Love Tonight?" as part of the halftime show. photo by Barb Johns

• **T**wirling her flag in time with the beat, senior Jamie Howard executes a drop spin during the colorguard feature "Hakuna Matata." The song was choreographed by flag captain junior Jen Porto and her sister freshman Gina Porto. photo by Barb Johns



• **T**he steady beat provided by sophomore Alicia Frasier, eighth-grader Matt Holub and freshman Bill Knapp was essential to the rhythmic movement of the marching band. The band adopted a corps style of marching that used a glide step. photo by Barb Johns



• **S**enior Matt Warren concentrates on his music as he plays his alto saxophone. The songs were selections from Disney's summer blockbuster movie *The Lion King*. photo by Barb Johns

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places to wear your marching band uniform:

10. Walking down the aisle. -Jade Baltazar, '98
9. Adventureland, on a really hot day. -Alycia Comer, '98
8. Sledding at Camp Dodge. -Christine Notis, '97
7. Lazer X. -Monica Kim, '97
6. Brooks & Dunn concert. -Nate Blair, '98
5. Romantic dinner for two. -Lisa Koch, '98
4. To a barmitzvah. -Matt Warren, '95
3. Skydiving. -Chris Turner, '97
2. In coffins. (I wouldn't be caught dead in it.) -Bob Johnson, '95
1. Bowling. (It matches the shoes.) -Jason Schissel, '97



FLUTES/SAXOPHONES. Carolyn Merrill, Jessica Dawson, Kari Lane, Alexi Jameson, Melissa Roberts. **ROW 2.** Christine Notis, Valeria Sloan-Lyon, Elizabeth Simpson, Alycia Comer, Ozlem Irisoz. **ROW 3.** Lisa Odland, Heidi Wych, Andy Krejci, Bob Johnson, Matt Warren.



COLORGUARD. Noelle Wagner, Jamie Howard, Jennifer Porto, Jennifer Burklund, Heather Tuttle. **ROW 2.** Mandy Jamison, Amy Myer, Jennifer Jones, Shalon Clark, DeAnn Hart.

Before their first concert, sophomore tuba player Jason Schissel warms-up with the band. Warm-ups and perfecting intonation were techniques used by director Ms. Jessica Paff to get ready for performances. photo by Meghan Mandsager

Practicing during her study hall, junior Heather Tuttle strives to be accepted into the piano program at Drake University. Tuttle utilized her piano skills by accompanying band members at the solo and ensemble contest. photo by Meghan Mandsager



Jazz band trumpet, junior Bill Sims and senior mellophone player Beth Ann Nelson glance at their music for warm-ups at the IH S M A contest. In the competition the jazz band received a "1" rating photo by Mark Stookey



JAZZ BAND. Jessica Dawson, Jill Norviel, Matt Warren, Andy Krejci, Bob Johnson, Heather Tuttle **ROW 2.** Beth Ann Nelson, Ben Hicks, Aditya Mahjan, Ben Molayal, Wes Nyberg **ROW 3.** Beau Brindley, Bill Sims, S.W. Winrich, Bill Knapp III, Matt Longmire.



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reasons for being late to early morning rehearsal:

10. I had to pick up my instrument from the shop. -Melissa Knowles, '98
9. My mom slept in. -Chris Sundell, '96
8. My ride was late. -Monica Kim, '97
7. I was too busy eating. -Wes Nyberg, '98
6. I broke my hand. -Jennifer Georgen, '97
5. I had my wisdom teeth pulled. -Jennifer Burklund, '96
4. My car wouldn't start. -Alicia Frazier, '97
3. I was working on my history day project. Beau Brindley, '97
2. I forgot my valve oil. -Alexander Ricard, '98
1. What practice? -Nate Blair, '98



"I eat lunch in the band room because I hate the lunchroom. You stand around like a fool looking for your friends and a place to sit. It's very stressful. In the band room, it's a very laid-back situation."
Jessica Dawson, '97

Boarding the BANDWAGON

As soon as the Dinkles were in the closet, the sounds of jazz and concert bands could be heard throughout the hallways. The band underwent many changes. Driven by new director Ms. Jessica Paff, the band dove into a season of new concert techniques and a renewed enthusiasm toward band.

Preparing for contests and concerts were tedious tasks for band members. "Miss Paff made sure we were rehearsing every minute of the period and she

even made us come in at 7:00 in the morning," said freshman Melissa Knowles.

All the extra practices paid off for both the jazz and concert bands. The jazz band placed fourth at SCIBA and was eligible for a wild-card spot at state, but did not qualify.

The concert band was given the opportunity to compete at Band Day at Worlds of Fun in Kansas City, Missouri. Also freshman clarinet player Erin Russom became the first band member to play in the

All-State Band for a number of years.

Paff expressed much pride when describing the band members. Paff said, "I look forward to getting up every morning and coming to school. These kids make my job a real joy. Despite the unfortunate circumstances surrounding my transfer to the high school this year (due to the year-long absence of Mr. Rick Albrecht because of sickness), I've very much enjoyed it." **Spread by Meghan Mandsager and Mark Stookey**



WOODWINDS. Jennifer Stockman, Alexi Jameson, Heidi Wych, Katie Jacobsen, Carolyn Merrill, Angela Schaad, Andy Krejci. **ROW 2.** Elizabeth Simpson, Alycia Comer, Jennifer Burklund, Gina Porto, Kendra McBurney, Lisa Koch, Kari Lane. **ROW 3.** Chris Sundell, Tammy Proehl, Chris Timmerman, Lisa Odland, Chrissie Huisman, Missy Knowles, Morgan Cavanaugh, Jill Norviel, Christine Notis, Matt Warren. **ROW 4.** Jessica Dawson, Christina Schwab, Oslem Irisöz, Mandi Jamison, Erin Russom, Valarie Hall, Monica Kim, Megan Kalamaja, Jamie Howard, Courtney Johnson, Heather Tuttle, Sara Myer.



BRASS AND PERCUSSION. Shawn Stetson, Nate Blair, Matt Longmire, Michelle Casto, Jade Baltazar, Beth Ann Nelson, Missy Roberts, Erin Clark. **ROW 2.** Aditya Mahajan, Ben Moloyal, P.J. Holmertz, Bill Sims, Beau Brindley, Shane Kinsey, Tony Dunskey, Bill Knapp III. **ROW 3.** Ben Hicks, Bryan Burkhardt, Bob Johnson, Tim Keck, S.W. Winrich, Wes Nyberg, Jason Schissel, Brooke Burbank.

In addition to playing in concert band junior Jen Porto and freshmen Gina Porto and Erin Russom play recorders for the Madrigal dinner. photo by Meghan Mandsager

"Mixed chorus is fun to be in because it gives a new student, like me, a chance to meet new friends and participate in something I really enjoy."
-Sarah Rippey, '97



S e p a r a t e d b u t S T I L L T O G E T H E R

The rustle of choir robes zipping and the chattering voices of students filtered through the air of all three mixed chorus performances.

Each concert provided a glimpse of the changes and alterations of the group as a whole and its members.

One change was the arrival of Cecilia Cardenas, a former accompanist from Norwalk. Cardenas came to Johnston in hopes of a teaching career in music.

Cardenas took over

the reigns of the mixed chorus and other groups for first semester and a couple of months of second semester. But her stay was not permanent and she left the choruses teacherless.

With small and large group contest approaching chorus director Mrs. Jody White requested the help of middle school chorus director Mr. Rick Ashby.

"Without the help of Mr. Ashby, mixed chorus would not be up to the level that they are now," said White.

For competitions, the mixed chorus divided itself into two groups. One group consisted of the girls and the other group was made up of the boys.

"At first without the boys we sounded weird because we weren't use to hearing ourselves, but now we appreciate each other a little bit more," said sophomore Jessica Berens.

Though the mixed chorus spent most of its school year apart, they proved they were still a united chorus. **Spread by Cheryl Larson**

ALTOS. Leanna Morris, Renee Ebke, Tara Guttridge, Joann Stark, Michelle Wiig, Mary Ann Johnson, Wendi Collins, Jennifer Osborn, Julie Cottrell, Sara Tapken, Monica Wiig **ROW 2.** Jana Yanders, Morgan Cavanaugh, Libby Herrmann, Brooke Miller, Alicia Baumgart, Jennifer Hunter, Megan Bengard, Emily Skow, Kristin Warren, Jennifer Abbott **ROW 3.** Sarah Schoper, Sarah Schreurs, Elaine Jarnagin, Molly Holub, Regina Bess, Robin Sanders, Casey Abler, Rhiannon Thoreson, Sarah Rains. **ROW 4.** Kyla Kiester, Jennifer Jones, Alyssa Friedow, Emily Betz, Anne Mullenix, Sheri Winrich, Amy Brehmer, Angela DeHamer Crystal Smith, Christy Buchmeier



SOPRANOS. Emily Gelormino, Heather Patterson, Krista Jackson, Penny Nichols, Kelli Wong, Angie Hefner, Heather Smith, Jenna Logan, Brandi Shelby, Courtney Lester, Jennifer Morrison **ROW 2.** Alicia Frasier, Ellen Bryant, Whitney Mercer, Amanda DeReus, Jessica Berens, Jill Cameron, Sarah Rippey, Emily Brown, Chrissie Huisman, Brenda Mitchell, Andrea Beck. **ROW 3.** Bethany Ashby, Mandy Jamison, Christina Schwab, Emily Medina, Jennifer Georgen, Ashley Sires, Kari Tank, Megan Franck, Jamie Westcott, Lauren Pendergraft. **ROW 4.** Rachel Graaf, Beth Koch, Lisa Henning, Jennifer Gray, Megan Kalamaja, Beth Marvin, Jennifer Porto, Jennifer Gilchrist.



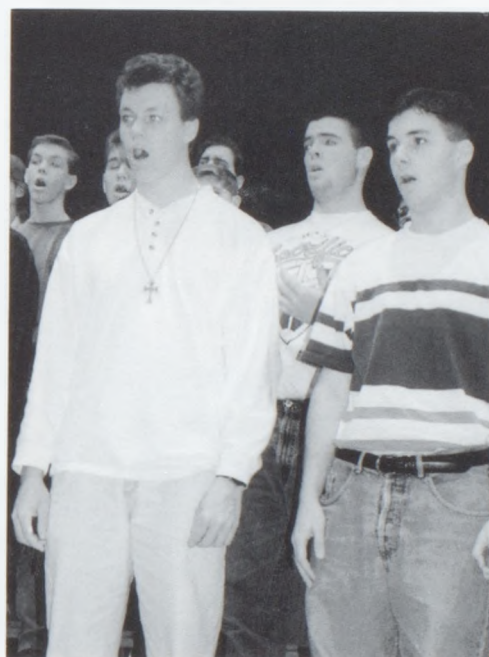
Singing *Moon*, one of three Spanish pieces, the altos prolong their last note at a concert held in the auditorium, April 18. photo by Danielle Carroll



- In pursuit of their ratings, sophomore Mike Herrmann and junior Mark Hornback pinpoint their names on the posted results.
- Small group contest took place Saturday April 15, at Adel High School. During large group contest, May 5 in Perry, both boys' and girls' choirs recieved superior Division I ratings. photo by Crystal Smith



- During their fourth hour chorus class, juniors Zac Christensen, Greg Olsen and Zack Stone warm up their voices.
- Throughout the year, the tenors/bases used the auditorium for their practices. photo by Cheryl Larson



- Following Mrs. Jody White's lead, sophomore Jason Reis and junior Chris Sundell rehearse *Rise Up Oh Men of God*, which was one of three songs performed. photo by Cheryl Larson



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reasons to be join mixed chorus:

10. You have to be in chorus to be in anything else. Whitney Mercer, '97
9. The whole period you get to be with a lot of your friends. - Reeanna Larson, '97
8. The girls get to wear really cool robes. - Alyssa Friedow, '97
7. The funniest time was when Mrs. Cardenas came into the room and took her jacket off, and all the boys stared to whistle. - Emily Betz, '97
6. One time someone shot water at Mrs. Cardenas and she thought the roof was leaking. - Jennifer Hunter, '97
5. We get to wear scratchy tuxes. - Lee Fillingsness '95
4. We get to sing songs our parents actually know. - Chris Willemis, '98
3. Practicing in the auditorium under hot lights. - Emilily Medina, '96
2. We get out of class for voice lessons. - Heather Patterson, '97
1. It's just a fun class. - Christina Schwab, '97



TENORS/BASES. S.W. Winrich, Shannon Hildreth, Danny Bright, Tom Caswell, Jeff Nieting, Mike Herrmann, Pat McGowan, Chris Sundell, Mark Hornback, Brenton Brown. **ROW 2.** Mark Hansen, Brian McClain, Ben Oviatt, Sean Flannery, John Davis, Aaron Vis, Ben Hicks, Chris Willemis, Aaron Hornback. **ROW 3.** Lee Fillingsness, Todd Bass, Damon Huber, Justin Ehm, Zac Christensen, Brad Sturtz, Aaron Gilmore, Bryan Burkhardt, Jason Reis.

Preparing for their concert, freshmen Kelli Dennis and Jen Goode warm-up with accompanist Mrs. MarJean Damerval for the song *Ching-A-Ring-Chaw*. Dennis also participated in Sound Advice and Concert Choir. photo by Cody Koch



Reciting a paragraph from *Inscription of Hope*, freshman Jessica Leiendecker gives the audience the background of the song. The words were taken from a wall written on by Jews who were hiding from the Nazis during World War II. photo by Cody Koch



Giving his best impression of Ezekiel in the song *Ezekiel Went A Walking*, freshman Edward McAtee performs at the winter concert. McAtee was also involved in Sound Advice. photo by Cody



ALTOS. Shauna Sleep, Shelby Sleep, Kelli Dennis, Katie Wong, Marcia Mattern, Heather Rains, Tonya Pierce **ROW 2.** Meredith Brewer, Rachelle Anderson, Jodi Peitzman, Stephanie Nichols, Shelly Nissen, Lisa Koch, Millie Smith **ROW 3.** Alycia R. Comer, Danielle Heisler, Jessica Ligas, Jen Goode, Heidi Kiester, Jorie Moravec **ROW 4.** Carolyn Merrill, Lori Howard, Kelli Brown, Kelly Woodward, Krista Larson.



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reasons to be in freshman chorus:

10. We sing cool songs like *Ching a Ring a Ring*. -Jessica Leiendecker, '98
9. Higher priority number. -Millie Smith, '98
8. It's easy to skip. -Chad Pembroke, '98
7. You get to sit in the neat black chairs. -Andy Vis, '98
6. There are pretty mirrors on one side of the room. -Dan Kuster, '98
5. It's better than gym. -Wes Nyberg, '98
4. You can be in Sound Advice and Concert Choir. -Tammy Walz, '98
3. It raises your grade point average. -Sarah Batchelder, '98
2. Mrs. White! -Chrystal Martin, '98
1. You get to see Ms. Cardenas kick brownies. -Bryan Collins, '98



"The Choral Extravaganza was great. All the parents were there and they normally aren't. Chorus is usually just singing, but at the Choral Extravaganza we got a chance to do some dance moves. It was a nice change."
-Jered Boley, '98

Choosing to be CHALLENGED

Throughout the year the freshman chorus faced many challenges. They sang in front of a thousand wide-eyed spectators at the Choral Extravaganza and showed off their talents in various optional contests like the State Solo & Ensemble Contest.

Freshmen Edward McAtee and Jorie Moravec were selected to the OPUS Honor Choir. They were chosen from audition tapes submitted by students from around the state. Both McAtee and Moravec then performed at the presti-

gious OPUS Honor Choir Concert in the fall.

Many of the seventy-five students chose to compete in the State Solo & Ensemble Contest. Students could participate as soloists or in groups. "It is great practice if you want a chance at All-State Chorus in the future," said freshman Angela Schaad. "You get good exposure to the judges and pick up hints on how you can improve your performance." McAtee was the only Johnston freshman to receive a I rating.

The freshman cho-

rus was also a part of the Choral Extravaganza. The concert involved grades 4-12 and incorporated over a thousand students and spectators. "I loved the Choral Extravaganza," said freshman Adam Nieting. "It was challenging to sing with such a large group of people and with so many of them watching us."

"They wanted some challenges this year, so they set some goals," said Mrs. White. "It definitely raised their level and standards."
Spread by Cody Koch



SOPRANOS. Melissa Mattern, Felisha Montera, Gina Porto, Erin Russom, Sarah Burchard. **ROW 2.** Beth Simpson, Nicole Chavas, Kelli Kramer, Stephanie Black, Kari Lane. **ROW 3.** Sharon Ehm, Jessica Leleendecker, Erin O'Brien, Stephanie Southard, Rachel Webster. **ROW 4.** Chrystal Martin, Brooke Burbank, Tammy Walz, Kelly Clarkson.



TENORS/BASSES. Jered Boley, Wes Nyberg, Edward McAtee. **ROW 2.** Ben Molayal, Seth Elliot, Adam Nieting. **ROW 3.** Dan Kuster, Andy Vis, Nathan Huber. **ROW 4.** Nate Blair, Jeff Anderson.

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Singing the song *Come Away Sweet Love*, freshmen Heidi Kiestler and Jen Goode perform at the Formal Spring Concert. photo by Cody Koch

"As king I had the ability to embarrass people. I took it upon myself to announce the birthday of a Winterset student and had her come to the royal table so that Brenton (Brown) could serenade her on one knee."
-Aaron Hornback, '95



Weathering the WINTER STORM

School was cancelled and the forecast was bad. Concert Choir members braved the snowy conditions to rehearse for their opening performance. "The snow days affected our preparation, but not our performance," said choral director Mrs. Jodell White. "We lost five to six hours of rehearsal. What could've been a disaster turned out to be a good thing."

Despite the conditions, audiences still attended the two sold-out

shows. Senior members entertained as a royal court by singing and performing a skit. Remaining members served a meal consisting of was-sail, roast beef and other old English food. To add to the old English atmosphere, members of the audience were announced upon arrival, given scrolls stating the schedule and addressed as royalty during the meals. "We were supposed to say 'Lord' or 'Lady,'" said junior Crystal Smith, "but I was too

embarrassed, so I just said 'Hey.'"

Besides the Madrigal Dinner, concert choir sang at home concerts, the Conference Choral Festival and State Large Group. The choir attended the Drake Invitational which helped them prepare for state. "The judge boosted our confidence by only working on minor details," said senior Jeff Nieting. "We knew we were ready for state." **Spread by Tara Guttridge and Jared Grant**

CONCERT CHOIR SOPRANOS. Jamie Westcott, Jennifer Porto, Kelli Wong, Angie Hefner, Jessica Leienedecker, Jessica Berens. **ROW 2.** Bethany Ashby, Beth Marvin, Alicia Frasier, Brenda Mitchell, Heather Smith, Amy Martens, Jennifer Gilchrist. **ROW 3.** Rachel Graaf, Beth Koch, Kari Tank, Jennifer Gray, Megan Franck. **ROW 4.** Emily Gelormino, Marisa Baumgarn, Becky Floren, Jenn Morrison.



CONCERT CHOIR ALTOS. Christy Buchmeier, Crystal Smith, Leanna Morris, Kelli Dennis, Sheri Winrich. **ROW 2.** Mary Ann Johnson, Anne Mullenix, Megan Bengard, Brooke Miller, Joann Stark, Renee Ebke. **ROW 3.** Jennifer Jones, Sarah Schoper, Libby Herrmann, Elaine Jarnagin, Regina Bess. **ROW 4.** Jennifer Osborn, Amy Lingenfelder, Sarah Schreurs, Julie Cottrell, Michelle Wiig, Sarah Rains.



Junior Jaime Westcott and sophomore Sean Flannery practice singing for the Madrigal dinner at the only dress rehearsal. photo by Jared Grant



• **S**enior Shannon Hildreth pauses in between lines during the annual Madrigal skit. Hildreth played the part of the Royal Interpreter in the skit, *Fools Fall in Love*, written by Paul Brandvik. photo by Jared Grant



• **S**ophomores Kelli Wong and Mary Ann Johnson intently study the table arrangements during the Madrigal Dinner dress rehearsal on December 5. This was the only full rehearsal due to bad weather. photo by Danielle Carroll



• **S**eniors Jenn Morrison and Brenton Brown work together to adjust the jester's hat for their performance. Brown played the part of the jester for two consecutive years. photo by Meghan Mandtager

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reasons to be in Madrigal:

10. You can see men in tights. -Bethany Ashby, '96
9. You can catch your hair on fire. -Leanna Morris, '96
8. You don't have to eat the dry roast beef. -Sean Flannery, '97
7. You can drink the left over wasail. -Alicia Frasier, '97
6. People can play the recorder. -Zachry Christensen, '96
5. You can walk to rehearsal in two feet of snow. -Sarah Schoper, '95
4. You can ask people if they would like freshly ground pepper on their salads. -Emily Skow, '96
3. Party! -Jeff Nieting, '95
2. You can play with a kabonger. -Jenn Morrison, '95
1. It's a great excuse for not having your homework done. -Andy Vis, '98



CONCERT CHOIR TENORS/ BASSES. Chris Sundell, Ben Oviatt, Dan Sundblad, Zachry Christensen, Bryan Burkhardt, Ken Jones, Andy Vis. **ROW 2.** Mark Hornback, Sean Flannery, Adam Nieting, Michael Herrmann, Pat McGowan, Bryan Collins, Todd Bass, Mark Hansen. **ROW 3.** Aaron Hornback, Aaron Gilmore, Ben Hicks, John Davis, Aaron Vis, S.W. Winrich. **ROW 4.** Shannon Hildreth, Jeff Nieting, Tom Caswell, Danny Bright, Brenton Brown.

Junior Greg Olson holds junior Megan Bengard during the song *Barry's Boogie*. Innovation used two sets in their competition season, both containing this song. photo by Crystal Smith

With the grasp of his hat and cane, senior S.W. Winrich performs at a home concert. Innovation received fourth place at NW Missouri State, a Division I at State, third runner-up at Urbandale and second runner-up at Jefferson. photo by Danielle Carroll



Seniors Brenton Brown, Michelle Wiig and sophomore Ben Oviatt display their "cheesy show choir smiles" in the New York, New York / Broadway Baby medley. photo by Crystal Smith



INNOVATION. Jennifer Osborn, Chris Sundell, Beth Marvin, S.W. Winrich, Rachel Graaf, Julie Cottrell, Elaine Jarnagin, Sean Flannery, Megan Bengard, Jeff Nieting, Leanna Morris. **ROW 2.** Seamus Murphy, Robin Sanders, Jennifer Gray, Megan Franck, Aaron Hornback, Bethany Ashby, Renee Ebke, Beth Koch, Anne Mullenix, Brenton Brown, Alicia Frasier, Libby Herrmann, Tara Guttridge, Kristin Warren. **ROW 3.** Bill Knapp, Marisa Baumgart, Bryan Burkhardt, Jennifer Gilchrist, Mark Hornback, Aaron Gilmore, Ben Hicks, Pat McGowan, Michael Herrmann, Michelle Wiig, Shannon Hildreth, Danny Bright, Zachry Christensen, John Davis, Aaron Vis, Heather Smith, Tom Caswell, Joann Stark, Ben Oviatt.



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things you'd rather be doing instead of practicing

10. Doing homework I didn't do. -Pat McGowan, '96
9. Spending quality time with my family on Monday nights. -Heather Smith, '96
8. Watching Monday Night Football. -Zachry Christensen '96
7. Scraping gum off the bottom of the desks. -Jorie Moravec, '98
6. Watching *Melrose Place*. -Sean Flannery, '97
5. Being enveloped in the intricacies of rectilinear motion. -Ben Hicks, '95
4. Sitting in the electric chair. -Julie Cottrell, '95
3. Shaving my legs. -Angie Hefner, '97
2. Finding out how many licks it takes to get to the center of a tootsie pop. -Shelly Nissen, '98
1. Taking a joyride in my grandma's Cadillac. -Sara Tapken, '97





"It was really fun to get in front of a lot of people, act like a fool and not care what people think of me. It was fun having all the eyes on me and awesome to hear all of the cheers and screams."
Wes Nyberg, '98

Sweating in SEQUINS

The bright lights shimmered on the mass of sequins as droplets of sweat fell to the ground. "After competitions, I nearly had to wring out my tux shirt," said junior Bryan Burkhardt. "I was totally drenched in sweat. Losing that many fluids in such a short amount of time is well worth it when you know you've done your best."

Innovation spent at least three hours a week aside from their scheduled class in preparation for contests and concerts. They vocalized and learned and

perfected choreography. "You don't want to learn the choreography because it is hard," said junior Bethany Ashby. "You have to concentrate to learn it."

Sound Advice rehearsals were not as beneficial in the beginning of their year. "We wouldn't start focusing until the week before contest," said freshman Bill Knapp. "We would get serious then. We would still be working on the little things, and we never ran the whole show before contests."

Halfway through the year, Sound Advice decided

goals for what they wanted to accomplish. They included working on sound and working together. After improvement and concentration they placed third at Jefferson.

Both groups concluded the year by performing at the annual swing choir show. Blinded by sequins and sparkles, audiences ooh'ed and aah'ed the show choirs' performances. Members left the stage with their hearts pounding, ears ringing and faces dripping with sweat. **Spread by Tara Guttridge**



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Freshmen Jessica Leindecker, Ed McAtee and sophomore Lauren Pendergraft sing *Ordinary Miracles*. photo by Danielle Carroll



● Freshman Bryan Collins
● and sophomore Mary
● Ann Johnson pose to end
● the *Do You Want to Dance*
● medley. Sound Advice, with
● new director Ms. Cecilia
● Cardenas, received a Division
● II rating at State and third at
● Jefferson. photo by Danielle
● Carroll

"The best thing about playing the witch from *Hansel and Gretel* was that kids remembered me after the performance. They started running because they thought I was going to eat them."
-Carolyn Merrill, '98



Practice makes PERFECT

Some of them studied dance, some drama, some music. They were talented enough to attend The School of Performing Arts and what they wanted was to be famous. The play, *Fame*, allowed not only the characters, but also the performers a chance to live out a dream.

The drama department had a full schedule allowing students to show their talent with four other performances. These included another full-length play, *Beanie and the Bamboozling Book Machine*. The

drama classes put on four one-acts, directed by students in the class. They were *Help*, *A Night in...*, *Who am I This Time* and *Death*.

The classes focused on more than just reaching fame. "In class, we got an introduction to drama," said senior foreign exchange student Oslem Irisöz. "It's not only 'typical' drama though. It's contemporary, classical and popular plays. We also did some storytelling. Every piece we did was different."

The atmosphere during rehearsals was often

loose and easy going, but success was accomplished. "I felt really relieved when performance time for *Beanie* came around. It felt good knowing that all our hard work was paying off, and the audience seemed to have really enjoyed it," said sophomore cast member Amber Peterson.

The drama department gave many students the opportunity to have fun and become famous even if only to the community of Johnston. **Spread by Missy Roberts**

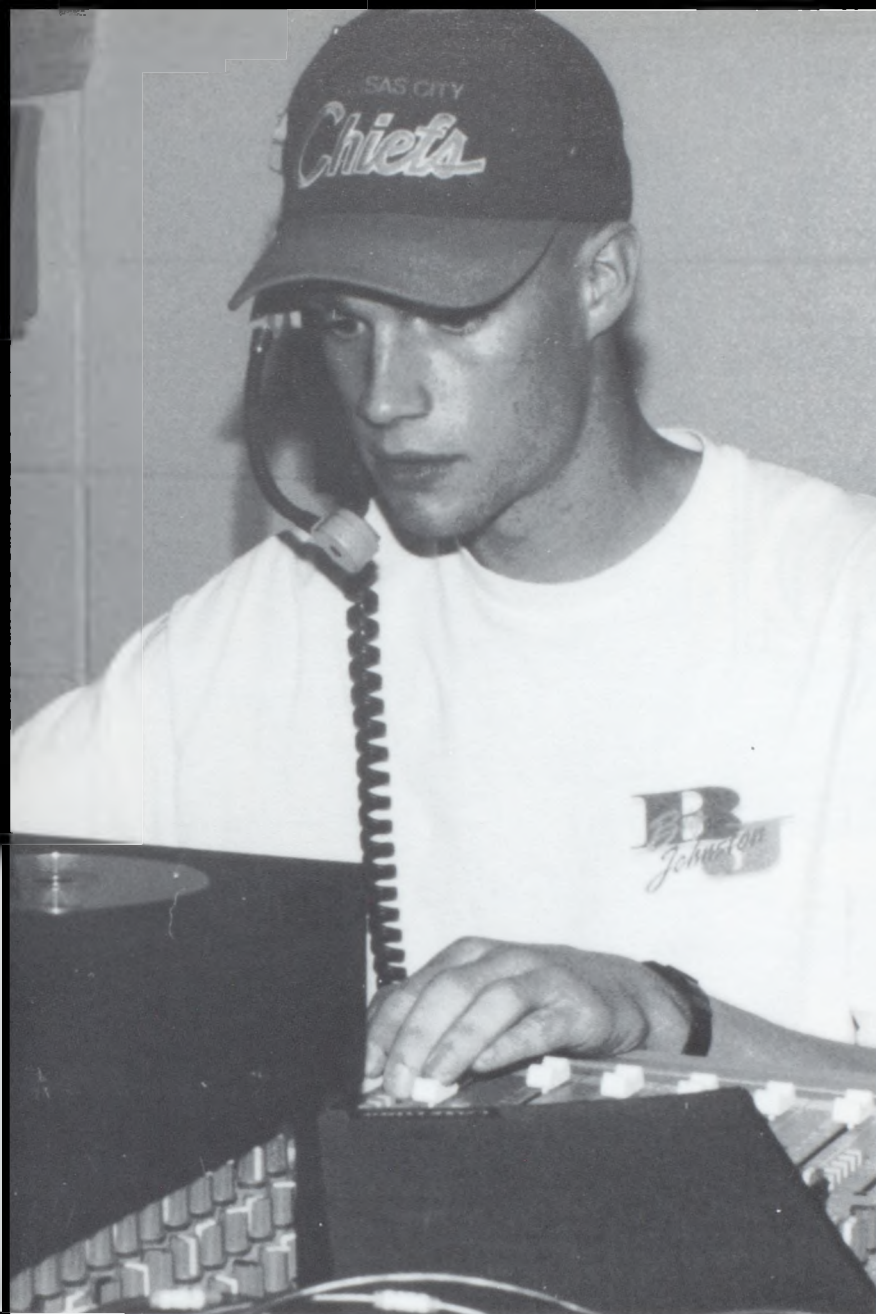
FAME CAST. Kelly Kohles, Amanda Fisher, Kim Kohles, Carolyn Merrill, Andrea Beck, Becky Floren. **ROW 2.** Jessica Dawson, Christy Buchmeier, Jennifer Porto, Crystal Smith, Oslem Irisöz, Shannon Fisher, Dani Williams. **ROW 3.** Lee Fillingsness, Vachel White, Pete Floren, Tim Hailing, Bob Johnson, Tim Rains, Brenton Brown.



BEANIE AND THE BAMBOOZLING BOOK MACHINE CAST. Kim Kohles, Becky Floren, Kelly Kohles, Andrea Beck, Carolyn Merrill, Jodi Hill. **ROW 2.** Director Phyllis Caswell, Alexi Jameson, Dani Williams, Sarah Rippey, Jessica Dawson, Amber Peterson, Leanna Morris. **ROW 3.** Lee Fillingsness, Vachel White, Pete Floren, Tom Caswell, Bob Johnson, Mark Hansen, Tim Rains.



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Applying a coat of mascara, junior Dani Williams prepares for her role in *Beanie and the Bamboozling Book Machine*. photo by Missy Roberts



• **C**oncentrating on the sound effects, senior Tim Rains pushes buttons while listening to the director. Rains was part of the technical crew including sophomores Vachel White and Mitch Henry.
• photo by Missy Roberts



• **T**eaching students at a fine arts school during *Fame*, junior Crystal Smith explains an assignment. The students, played by senior Brenton Brown and junior Nick Mitchell, acted disinterested in scholastic studies.
• photo by Missy Roberts



• **P**utting on his shoes, Kleinman, played by sophomore Luke Peterson, wonders what his purpose is in life. *Death* was a one-act performed by the drama classes.
• photo by Missy Roberts.

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ways to get a leading role in the all school play:

10. Pray. Pray really hard. -Crystal Smith, '96
9. Have a last name resembling Swartzenager or Cruise, it helps. -Vachel White, '97
8. Show your versatility of emotions. cry. -Christy Buchmeier, '96
7. Have your twin audition for you. -Shannon Fisher, '96
6. Be the biggest witch in school. -Jennaifer Jones, '95
5. Put talent. -Becky Floren, '95
4. Own a fog machine. -Kelly Kohles, '95
3. Tell the director you love the smell of a packed dressing room. -Leanna Morris, '96
2. Kill the competition. -Bob Johnson, '95
1. Be the son of the director. -Tom Canwell, '95



DRAMA CLASS. Pete Floren, Brian Wattier, Andrea Beck, Becky Floren.
ROW 2. Oslam Irsöz, Valerie Hall, Veronica Walker.



DRAMA CLASS. Vachel White, Lee Fillingsness, Becky Floren, Jenn Morrison.
ROW 2. Alexi Jameson, Dani Williams, Amber Peterson, Jennifer Stockman, Jessica Dawson.



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Searching for change, junior Nick Iwig purchases a sandwich and drink at the Subway in Johnston. photo by Matt Simpson



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Sophomores José Tovar and Joe Ramirez select a humorous birthday card at Linda's Hallmark in Urbandale. photo by Jared Grant

During their brief dinner break they ventured to local restaurants to satisfy their hearty appetites.

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Trying on a jacket, sophomore Tony D'Antuono approves of the selection at Soccer Connections. photo by Jared Grant



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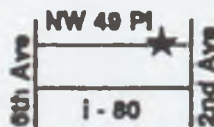
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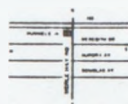
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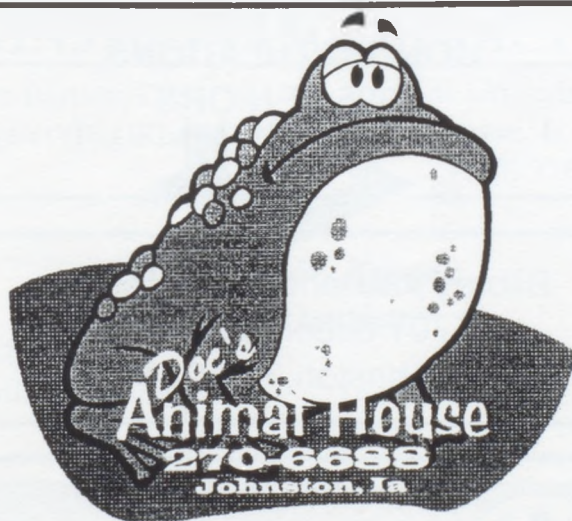
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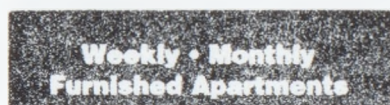
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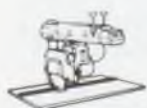
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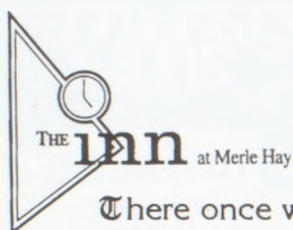
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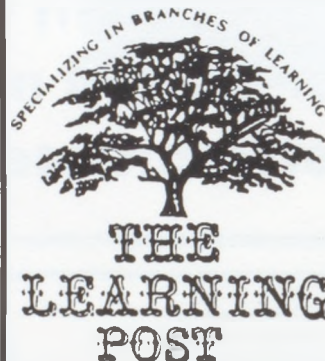


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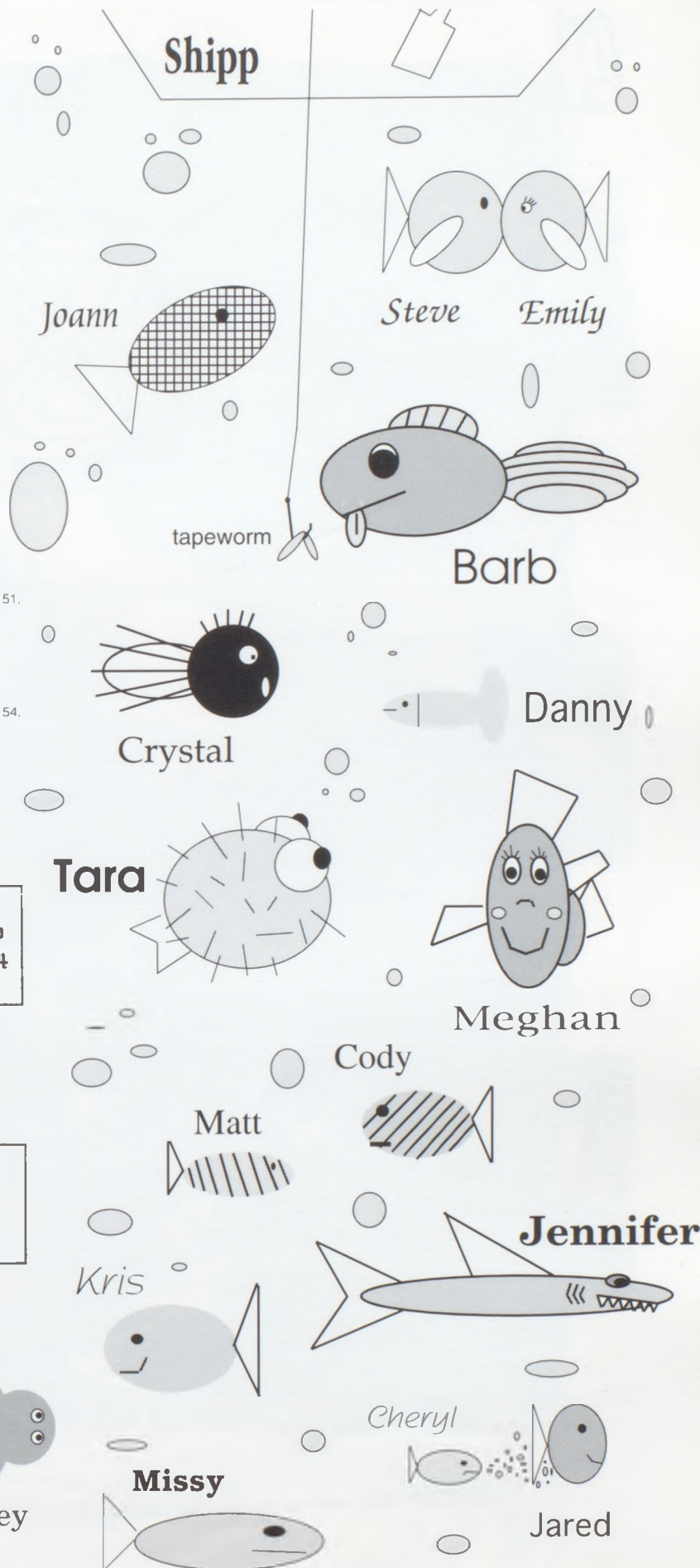
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On homecoming, juniors Ryan Maasen, Casey Smith, Peter Alexander, Tim Nemmers, Josh Van Heukelom and Doug Langworthy show their spirit.
photo by Dan Bright



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During a visit to the school by TV-8 for homecoming coverage, sophomore Jared Grant poses with cardboard buddy, Dave Letterman.
photo by Steve Ring



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Seniors Amanda Gardner, Regina Bess, Jennifer Gray, Megan Kalamaja, Courtney Lester, Jenn Morrison, Megan Franck and Jeff Fisher warm near the fire at a senior outing. photo by Dan Bright



his ends the journey through the village of Johnston. In the past year, the villagers were very proud of their success in scholastics,

sports, musical competitions and clubs. They invited many visitors throughout the year to see their newly finished facilities and to meet their new king. As the year passed, the villagers proved their worthiness in the many battles they completed. They will not forget this year as it is archived in these Dragon Tales.

•The End•



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Junior Kirsten Angstrom, accompanied by junior Jane Zirkelbach, smiles as she reads one of the friendly notes in her "bag of warm fuzzies." Writing and reading these notes within the small groups was the last activity of the leadership retreat before loading the busses to go home. photo by Danielle Carroll

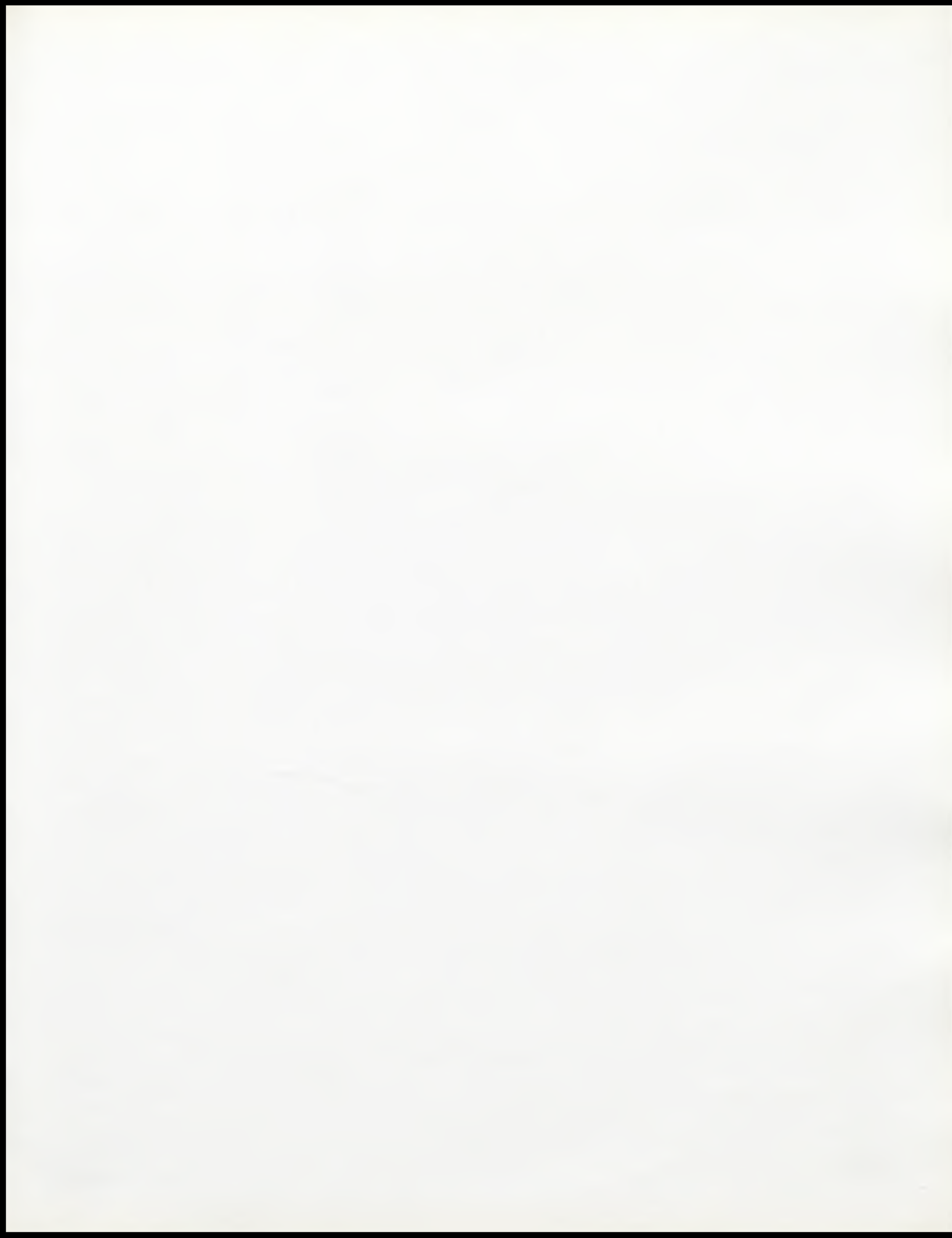


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"S he was my best friend," said sophomore Andrea VanOrsdale of fellow sophomore Amanda Benson. This photo of the girls was taken during a recess in eighth grade. Benson died on September 18th, 1994, at the age of sixteen.

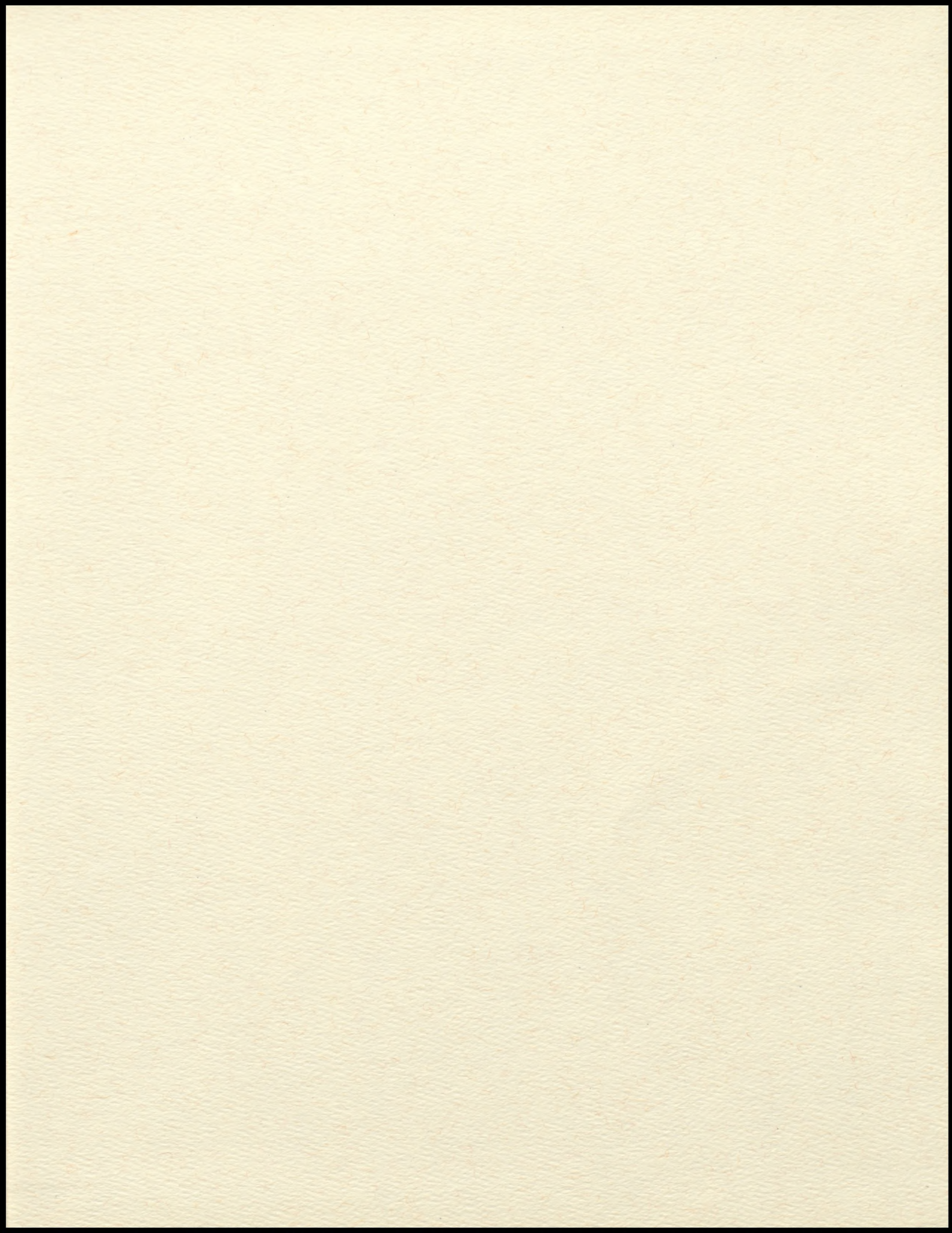
Dedicated to Amanda Jo Benson-

I remember the day when it began,
Our friendship that is.
It is a day I will treasure,
In my heart forever.
We talked, We laughed,
We smiled, We cried.
As all we had our differences,
But you and I,
We held on to what we had.
We grew stronger together.
Then the day of passing came.
You went from this place to a much better.
Yet I know you're still there for me,
And I will always love you.

-Written by Andrea VanOrsdale







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Volume 48 of the Johnston High School Dragon traveled in thousands of pieces to Herff Jones, 6015 Travis Lane, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, 66201 where lots of folks helped to make this creation what it is now. People were able to reserve one of the 473 copies sold for the low, low price of \$27 or \$30 with a name. The theme, "Dragon Tales," was brought to you in part by each of the peon members in their daily afternoon meetings in their new lair. The scheme was brought about after inspiration from the school mascot, JD the dragon. It was thought to represent the townsfolk and the new castle that was being built. It's pretty darn near 192 pages long, count it yourself if you care that much. The cover design was thought of by the group of peons and finalized by Kris Tedesco, but if you don't like it, she didn't do it. It's a concoction formed by the blend of dark plum, gold foil and gold ink. The pleasing touch is produced by Leathertex. Tedesco designed and produced the endsheets, (AKA: what you're reading now.) The paper is Ermine #80 and the copy is Olde English Text, Avant Garde (for captions), Bookman (for text) and Times, Nadienne, New Century Schoolbook, Zapf Chancery and Helvetica for all else. They shrunk to as little as 6 pt. and grew up to be as big as 140 pt. By the way, doesn't it bother you that you sing about green leaves at Christmastime in the song "Here we come a wassailing (among the leaves so green)." Photos and copy made their way into this book after many long, stressfilled hours of work or sometimes last-minute haste by the yearbookies. Hy-Vee was the place we relied on for most of the photo-developing needs since we were unable to use the new darkroom in the journalism room as it served as the changing room. All copy, photos and thoughts were pulled out of the yearbookies' brains under unusual amounts of stress and are copyrighted so don't try to steal anything or they might get really, really mad.

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